

No. MSPCB/TB-34/2022/2024-2025

Dated Shillong the March, 2025

## NOTICE

Sub: Standard Operating Procedure (SoP)/Environmental safeguards issued for (i) Extraction or sourcing or borrowing of ordinary earth for the linear projects such as roads, pipelines, etc. and (ii) dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, rivers and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management -reg.

In pursuance to the order dated 28/10/2020 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench in Original Application No. 190/2020 in the matter of Noble M. Paikada Vs. Union of India &Ors, the MoEF&CC issued Office Memoranda of even number dated 8/8/2020 and 12/07/2023 regarding the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP)/ environmental safeguards to be followed by project proponents undertaking the activities as stated hereunder:

- (i) Extraction or sourcing or borrowing of ordinary earth for the linear projects such as roads, pipelines, etc. and;
- (ii) Dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, rivers and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management.

In view of the above, all the project proponents are hereby reminded that carrying out the aforementioned activities within the state of Meghalaya are hereby directed to initiate necessary steps for achieving compliance with the SoP/environmental safeguards notified by Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India. Further, a detailed compliance report pertaining to such activities and environmental safeguards being observed by them shall be submitted to the Board at least 15 (fifteen) days before commencement of the project.

In case of any violation in this regard the Board shall be constrained to withdraw CTE/CTO granted by the Board and subsequently initiate legal action as per relevant provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act and 1981 Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Copies of the office memoranda as referred above have been uploaded in the Board's website (<https://megspcb.gov.in>) for necessary references.

[DR.G.H.CHYRMANG, MFS]

MEMBER SECRETARY

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board

Shillong

Memo No. MSPCB/TB-34/2022/2024-2025 / *2-A* Dated Shillong the *10* March, 2025

Copy to:

1. The Chairman, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong for kind information.
2. The Deputy Commissioner East Khasi Hills District, West Khasi Hills District, South West Khasi Hills District, Ri-Bhoi District, West Jaintia Hills District, East Jaintia

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- Hills District, North Garo Hills District, South Garo Hills District, East Garo Hills District, West Garo Hills District & South West Garo Hills District
3. The Chief Engineer, Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Ltd., Lumjingshai, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  4. The Chief Engineer, Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., Lumjingshai, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  5. The Chief Engineer, Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Lumjingshai, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  6. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads), Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  7. The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (National Highway), Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  8. The Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  9. The Director, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  10. The Director, Community & Rural Developments, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
  11. The Assistant Programmer, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong for uploading in the Board's Website.

  
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