

GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF CONSENT TO ESTABLISH AND CONSENT TO OPERATE FOR MINERAL STOCKYARD AND RAILWAY SIDINGS

Mineral stockyards and railway sidings were not included in the Consent Administration prior to 16.02.2008. Therefore, two distinct procedures are laid down for these stockyards existing prior to 16.02.2008 and after 16.02.2008.

Consent to Establish for stockyards and railway sidings existing prior to 16.02.2008

- 1) The Consent to Establish conditions including siting criteria and conformation to pollution control norms as prescribed in the guidelines of the State Pollution Control Board of April, 2008 will be used as check-list to ascertain whether the existing stockyards qualifies the consent to establish conditions.
- 2) Those yards which qualify the Consent to Establish conditions will be considered for Consent to Operate and it will not be required for them to obtain Consent to Establish.
- 3) Those yards which do not qualify the Consent to Establish conditions will be given three months time to wind up the stockyards as per the guidelines prescribed by the Board during April, 2008.

Consent to Operate for stockyards and railway sidings existing prior to 16.02.2008

- 1) The applicant shall submit adequate documentary evidence of its existence prior to 16.02.2008. If the proponent fails to produce such documents, it will be treated as a fresh application and the benefit of its existence prior to 16.02.2008 will be not be given.
- 2) Those yards which produce documentary evidence for their existence prior to 16.02.2008, the Regional Office shall issue a direction to complete all pollution control measures within period of one month.
- 3) After the applicant completes all pollution control measures, he shall submit a compliance report to the Regional Officer. Consent to operate can be considered after the compliance is verified to the satisfaction of the Board.
- 4) If the applicant fails to take up pollution control measures for existing stockyards to the satisfaction of the regional officer, the concerned Dy. Director of Mines shall be moved by the Regional Officer asking him not to allow any further stacking of mineral in that yard till they complete all pollution control measures and obtain consent to operate from the Board.

- 5) If the Regional Officer feels that in the stockyard, necessary pollution control measures cannot be implemented, a time bound action plan will be drawn up for evacuation of the existing materials from the yard. For this purpose more than one month time will not be allowed.
- 6) In the event, the Regional Officer feels that pollution control measures can be installed, but it will take more than one month's time, he will simultaneously ensure that the materials stacked in the yard will be evacuated while the pollution control measures are taken. However, the evacuation of the materials should be completed within a month. However, in this case Dy. Director, Mines shall be moved for not allowing any further stacking of material till they complete all pollution control measures and obtain consent of this Board.
- 7) The liability of the operator of all the mineral stockyards to maintain the pollution control measures also extends for the period in which they do not operate the site. Therefore, even if there is no activity, the operator shall keep all pollution control measures in good working condition.

Consent to Operate for stockyards and railway sidings existing after 16.02.2008

The guidelines of the State Pollution Control Board of April, 2008 will be scrupulously followed.

CLOSURE OF THE STOCKYARDS

1. In case an operator does not desire to continue at an approved site, they have to make an application for closure of the site to the concerned Regional Officer.
2. The operator of the site shall remove all the material stored in the stockyards before making the application for closure of the site.
3. The Regional Officer may declare the site closed after being satisfied that the site does not store any material which has a potential to contaminate the surrounding water body or land.

