

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 operate for stockyards and railway sidings existing prior to 16.02.2008

1. The siting criteria for establishment of stack-yards and railway-sidings shall be applicable for those which are established after 16/02/08
2. 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 not be given.
3. Those yards which produce documentary evidence for their existence prior to 16.02.2008, the Regional Officer shall grant a provisional consent for six months with a direction to complete all pollution control measures within a period of six months.
4. After the applicant completes all pollution control measures, he shall submit a compliance report well in advance to the Regional Officer. Consent to Operate can be considered after the compliance is verified to the satisfaction of the Board.
5. If the applicant, within the stipulated period, fails to take up pollution control measures for existing stockyards to the satisfaction of the Regional Officer, the concerned Deputy 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.

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6. 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.
7. In the event, the Regional Officer feels that pollution control measures can be installed, but it will take more than six months time, he will simultaneously ensure that the materials stacked in the yard will be evacuated while the pollution control measures are taken. Deputy 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.
8. The liability of the operator of all the mineral stockyards and cluster of stockyards is 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 March 2010 shall be scrupulously followed.

Consent to Operate for Railway-Siding owned, maintained and operated by Indian Railways Authorities

Railway Authorities shall implement all pollution control measures within period of six months. They will, however, be required to ensure self-regulation for implementation of Water Act, Air Act and good house keeping practice stipulated in the guidelines and furnish **environmental management plan** to concerned Regional Office as per **Annexure – I** and they will submit Annual return in the format prescribed as per **Annexure – II** of the guidelines by **31st May every year**) to concerned Regional Office. In case of any violation appropriate direction shall be issued to the occupier of the railway siding.

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CLOSURE OF 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.