

GUJARAT POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
"Paryavaran Bhavan"
Sector-10A, Gandhinagar-382010

Office Order

Read: 1. Environment Audit Scheme introduced by Hon'ble High Court, Gujarat
2. 181th Board meeting dated 12/03/2012

Sub: Modification in Environment Audit Scheme

Preamble:

As per order of Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat dated 20/12/1996, dated 13/03/1997, 16-09-1999 and dated 22/04/2010 the Environment Audit Scheme is being implemented by Gujarat Pollution Control Board. Basic objectives of the Audit Scheme which were narrated in the landmark judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat in the matter of SCA-770/95. During the course of time it is felt that many industries, clusters and estates are benefitted by the Environment Audit Scheme, as qualified technical professors became a link between industries on the one hand and the Gujarat Pollution Control Board and other public authorities as well as association of the industries on the other hand with the added vital ailments of accountability and transparency.

Over a period of time it is felt that some modifications in the Environment Audit scheme are required for more effectively and efficiently implementation of the scheme. Accordingly, a meeting was arranged at GPCB on 19/12/2014 under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, to discuss proposed modifications in the Environment Audit Scheme for its implementation in Gujarat, in which representative of Industrial Associations, officers of Chamber of Commerce, Committee Members of Environment Audit scheme, officers from Common Facilities operators as well as selected representatives of Schedule I & II industries and Schedule I & II auditors remained present in the meeting.

Resolution:

After detail discussion, considering various aspects, suggestions and comments, from the participants, the Gujarat Pollution Control Board hereby modifies some of the clauses in the current Environment Audit Scheme as follows, and now onward following changes are applicable for respective clauses in the Environment Audit Scheme:

1. Qualification of team members of auditor

In Environment Audit Scheme, (hereinafter referred to as the Audit Scheme) regarding Environmental Auditor, Para 4 (I)(b)(IV) relating to qualification of, one of the team member, following shall be substituted , namely :-

A person possessing a degree in Micro Biology/Bio-Chemistry, Chemistry, Biotechnology, Zoology, Environment Science, Climate Change, Forensic Science, Life Science for other similar degree, awarded by a recognized university or institute in India or abroad.

2. Experience of team member of auditor

In Audit Scheme, regarding, experience Para 4(I)(c) relating to experience of, one of the team member, following shall be substituted , namely :-

As required by the Hon. High Court, each team of Auditors shall have at least FOUR members; i.e. at least one member possessing a qualification in each of the above sub-clauses.

Out of the four members, one engineer (chemical or Environmental) and one Scientist (Chemist or Microbiologist) should have a minimum experience of one year in the field of the Environment. Management system, in a chemical industry and / or in a analytical laboratories work.

3. Allotment of industries to Auditors and fee structure

In Audit Scheme, regarding selection of auditors and fee structure, Para (6) and (7) relating to allotment of industries to Auditors and fee structure, substituted, namely :-

- 3(i) *GPCB will assign industries to auditors each year using method of random assignment based on the computer program, known as a XGN module prepared by NIC. GPCB will retain Schedule- I auditor for back checks of Schedule II auditor's audit work as envisioned by original audit scheme. Further Back check of schedule I auditor's audit work, any schedule - I auditor can back check other then the same auditor.*
- 3(ii) *For the fee structure of preparation of Environment Audit Report by Schedule-I and Schedule-II auditors, following factures shall be considered.*
- (a) *Monitoring /sampling and analysis charges for water, air and hazardous waste shall be as per GPCB charges.*
- (b) *TA/DA rate for the team members for the environment auditors, shall be applicable as per Class-I officers as prescribed in circular dated 03/10/2012 of Finance Department, Govt. of Gujarat.*
- (c) *For the audit fee, Rs. 15,000/- for small scale, Rs. 20,000/- for medium scale and Rs. 25,000/- for large scale shall be considered.*

4. Time schedule for audit report submission

In Audit Scheme, regarding, time schedule for submission of audit report, Para (5)(c) relating to time schedule for audit report submission substituted namely :-

Audit period shall be prepared as per financial year and submission of the report, up to 30th June of preceding year.

All other clauses of Environment Audit scheme , which is introduced by Hon'ble High court of Gujarat , vide order dated 20-12-1996 and amended vide order dated 13-03-1997 , 16-09-1999 and 22-04-2010 remain unchanged.



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Issued to:

1. All Regional Officers and Unit Heads.....for implementation and follow up with concern industry association and industries covered under this scheme.
2. Environment Audit Cell.....for follow up and implementation.
3. IT branch.....for necessary action please.
4. Select file