

Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
Central Ground Water Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Attention to All existing ground water users including industrial/ infrastructure/ mining projects

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification Number S.O. 38(E), dated 14th January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1124(E) dated 6th November, 2000 and S.O. 1121 (E) dated 13th May, 2010 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the whole of India and to issue necessary regulatory directions.

And whereas the Authority has issued 'Guidelines to control and regulate ground water extraction in India' vide notification number 3289(E) dated 24th September, 2020.

Henceforth applications for NOC for ground water abstraction will be processed based on category of ground water assessment unit and not by notified/ non-notified areas. NOCs in areas notified earlier will also be governed by the revised guidelines and will be issued by Central Ground Water Authority or State/ Union Territory Ground water Authority as the case may be.

This is to bring to the notice of all ground water users that :

1. Besides Micro and Small, Medium Enterprises drawing less than 10 KLD of ground water are also exempted from obtaining NOC for ground water withdrawal.
2. As MSME drawing less than 10 KLD of ground water are exempted from NOC, such MSME, who have already submitted their applications prior to 24.09.2020 are required to submit MSME certificate/ affidavit as per format available on the website.
3. Ground water abstraction/ restoration charges shall be payable by all ground water users except those exempted from obtaining No Objection Certificate for ground water abstraction. Existing users shall pay abstraction charges w.e.f. 24.09.2020.

4. All existing users who have obtained NOC before 24.09.2020 and implemented/ installed Rain water harvesting/ artificial recharge will be eligible for rebate of 50% on Ground water abstraction/ restoration charges as per gazette notification, at the time of renewal.
5. All existing users who have already obtained NOC from CGWA are hereby directed to install digital water flow meter with telemetry in all existing ground water abstraction structure **irrespective of quantum of ground water withdrawal**, failing which the users shall be liable to pay penalty as per gazette notification.
6. Since the last date for submission of applications for NOC by the existing users was 30.06.2020, all existing users, except exempted categories, who have submitted their applications for NOC after 30.06.2020 and before 24.09.2020 shall be liable to pay penalty of Rs. 1 lakh under Section 15 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
7. All existing users, except exempted categories, who have submitted their applications for NOC after 24.09.2020 will be liable to pay penalty of Rs. 1 lakh under Section 15 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environmental Compensation as per the gazette notification.
8. All such applicants who have submitted their application for NOC (Industry/ Infrastructure), drawing ground water more than 100 KLD in critical and semi-critical assessment units, are mandatorily required to submit Impact Assessment Report from Accredited Consultant by 31.12.2020 to the concerned Regional Office.
9. In case of mining projects involving dewatering, all applicants who have already submitted their applications for NOC are mandatorily required to submit comprehensive hydrogeological report on ground water conditions in both core and buffer zones of the mine, depth wise and year wise mine seepage calculations, impact assessment of mining and dewatering on ground water regime and its socio economic impact, details of recycling and reuse, recharge and reduction of pumping with use of technology for mining and water management to minimize and mitigate the adverse impact on ground water, prepared by Accredited Consultant by 31.12.2020.
10. All existing users who have submitted their applications for renewal of NOC prior to 24.09.2020, are required to submit Water Audit Report from certified water auditors if their ground water withdrawal is more than 100 KLD.
11. All new infrastructure projects, who have submitted their applications prior to 24.09.2020 and propose to draw more than 20 KLD of ground water are

required to submit proof of installation of STP or submit an affidavit as per format available on the website.

12. All such infrastructure projects requiring water for commercial use, who have submitted their applications prior to 24.09.2020, are required to submit completion certificate.
13. New industries/ infrastructure/ mining projects, who have applied for NOC prior to 24.09.2020 and are falling within 500 m from the periphery of demarcated wetland areas are required to submit affidavit that they will submit copy of consent/ approval from the Wetland Authority to establish their project in the area as and when received by them.
14. New industries/ infrastructure/ mining projects, who have applied for NOC prior to 24.09.2020 and fall beyond 500 m from the periphery of demarcated wetland areas are required to submit affidavit as per format available on the website.

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