

**PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**  
**Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala**

No./Admn/SA-4/F-96/2003/ 264

Dated 4/9/08

**OFFICE ORDER**

The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 provides that the analysis results of a sample of any sewage or trade effluent collected u/s 21 of the said Act, shall be admissible in evidence of any legal proceeding, in case, the provisions of sub-sections (3), (4) & (5) are complied with.

The Board is practicing to collect monitoring grab or composite samples of sewage or trade effluent, where the adequacy of the STP/ETP is to be ascertained. Further, the samples of sewage or trade effluent are collected u/s 21 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, where any industry is operating its industrial plant in violation of provisions of the said Act. But it has generally been noticed that sewage or trade effluent samples are collected without ascertaining the situation of the case, therefore, such analysis results of sewage or trade effluent became futile exercise. As such, to overcome such type of hurdles, it has been decided by the Chairman of the Board that:

1. Sample of the sewage or effluent treatment plant is to be collected u/s 21 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 strictly as per the procedure laid down in the said section and the relevant Rule, from the final outlet of the industry in the following cases.
  - i) Where no STP / ETP has been installed by the industry.
  - ii) Where the STP / ETP has been installed, but the industry is persistent violator in respect of achieving the standards as laid down by the Board.
  - iii) The industry has adopted any bye-pass for discharge of sewage or trade effluent from STP / ETP.
  - iv) In case, the industry is found operating the outlet without operating the STP / ETP and even partially operating the components of the STP / ETP.

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- v) Any industry is found operating any unauthorized mode of disposal.
2. Monitoring sewage or trade effluent sample is to be collected only when:
- Where the industry has installed STP/ ETP and the same is found in operation and the sample of sewage or trade effluent is to be collected first time.
  - The industry has installed STP / ETP and the same is found in operation and the previous record indicates that the industry is achieving the standards laid down by the Board.
3. The sample collecting officer may collect sample of sewage or trade effluent from different components of STP / ETP, if he feels so, to draw any inference in the case as mentioned above at Para 1 (ii).

All the concerned officer/official shall collect sample of trade effluent or sewage strictly as stated above and any deviation in this regard will be viewed seriously.

This issues with the approval of the Worthy Chairman of the Board.

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**Member Secretary**

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following of information and necessary action.

- The Sr. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-I/II, Patiala/ Ludhiana/ Jalandhar/HQ / EPA.
- The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-I/II/ Patiala/ Ludhiana/ Jalandhar/HQ/EPA/Computer.
- The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala/ Sangrur/ Bathinda/ Faridkot/ Ludhiana I/II/III/ Jalandhar/ Hoshiarpur/ Amritsar/ Batala & Nodal Office, Mohali.*

**Member Secretary**