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Sub: Consideration of projects for environmental clearance based on Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index - Implementation thereof.

Ministry of Environment & Forests vide O.M. of even no. dated 13th January, 2010 have imposed temporary restrictions for a period of 8 months up to August, 2010 for consideration of projects located within critically polluted industrial clusters / areas as identified by CPCB and documented in their report entitled "Comprehensive Environmental Assessment of Industrial Clusters". For implementation of the said O.M., the following administrative arrangement will be followed:

- (i) The proposals relating to the projects to be located in critically polluted areas as referred to in the above mentioned O.M., which are in the pipeline and on which a final decision has not been taken or the proposals which would be received after 13th January, 2010 in MoEF will be returned to the project proponent by the respective Member Secretaries with the approval of the Advisor (In-charge) and the status updated on the website.
- (ii) In respect of Category 'B' projects to be located in critically polluted areas as referred to in the above mentioned O.M. and covered by the above provision will be returned by the Secretary of respective SEIAAs and the list of projects so returned placed before the SEIAA in the immediate next meeting of the Authority. The status will also be updated on the website.
- (iii) As regards the proposals which have already been included in the agenda of the meeting of EAC/SEAC to be held in January, 2010, these proposals will be returned after obtaining recommendation of EAC/SEAC in accordance with the provisions of the O.M. dated 13.1.2010.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(S.K. Aggarwal) Director

To

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- All the SEIAAs / SEACs

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