

## BOARD MEETINGS AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES

During the period (i.e. January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006), four meetings of the Central Board were held as under:

S.No.	Meeting No.	Date	Place
1.	137 <sup>th</sup>	March 27, 2006	Delhi
2.	138 <sup>th</sup>	June 20, 2006	Delhi
3.	139 <sup>th</sup>	November 17, 2006	Delhi
4.	140 <sup>th</sup>	December 23, 2006	Delhi

### Major decisions taken by the Board

- Board approved the Emission Standards for Sulphuric acid plant
- Board approved Environmental Standards for Coffee Industry
- Board approved the proposed standards and code of practice for pollution prevention in sponge iron plants.
- Board approved the Increase in Employee's Welfare Fund
- Board approved the Draft National Emission Standards for Petrochemical Plants
- Board approved Revised Protocol for utilization of distillery effluent in Irrigation and Compost making.
- Board approved the Project on "Determination of concentration of identified pollutants in the impact area through field study (sampling & analysis of groundwater and soil samples) around Bichhri Village (Rajasthan)
- Board approved the Policy on use of high calorific value hazardous waste as fuel in cement kiln
- Board approved the purchase of Monitoring Vehicles for Head Quarter and Zonal Offices
- Techno commercial evaluation of the bids for the supply, installation, & commissioning of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) and operation & maintenance of these CAAQMS at Delhi, Lucknow, Bangalore & Chennai under the project on "Private Participation in the Management of CAAQMS Network-Regarding
- Board approved the draft standards for Sugar Industry
- Board approved the proposal for making Financial Assistance for North-Eastern SPCBs, PCCs and Hilly States through MoEF
- Board approved the payment of SPCBs/PCCs on the basis of the data entered in EDB and the certificate to be submitted by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs.
- Board approved the upgradation of two posts of Assistant Law Officer (ALO) to Law Officer.

- Board approved the Transfer Policy of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and rotation of officials on 'Sensitive Posts' as per Guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission.
- Status report on Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment facilities in Delhi and Ghaziabad
- Status of setup of Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facilities in Bihar and North Eastern States.

## **National Conference of Chairmen & Member Secretaries of PCBs / PCCs**

52<sup>nd</sup> Conference of Chairmen & Member Secretaries of CPCB / SPCBs / PCCs was organized during January 5-6, 2006 at Mumbai. Over 100 participants from 26 State / UTs, MoEF and CPCB attended the Conference.

The major issues discussed during the conference are as follows:

- Review Of Environmental Data Bank Activities and QA/QC of data
- Air Pollution Source Apportionment Studies
- Strengthening of Pollution Control Boards and Committees with specific reference to the Rules framed under Environmental Protection Act.
- Status of functioning of CBMWTFs/CETPS/STPs.
- Setting of Continuous Air Quality Monitoring Stations In 16 Cities.
- Status of implementation of CREP recommendations and follow-up actions.
- Review of implementation of Action Plan in 24 critically polluted areas.
- Standards and guidelines for operation of sponge iron plants in India.
- Proposed strategy for Hazardous Waste Management with respect to interstate movement and Common Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage & Disposal Facilities
- Inventory of hazardous wastes generation submitted by the SPCBS/PCCS.
- Identification of hazardous wastes dump sites & remediation plans.
- Feasible cleaner technology initiatives for adoption in identified industries.