

**Minutes of Fifth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan  
held on September 21, 2017 at CPCB, Delhi**

Fifth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on September 21, 2017 at Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri. A. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, CPCB and Chairman, Task Force. List of participants is annexed.

Dr. Prashant Gargava, AD & Head, AQM Division welcomed the participants and briefed on points of discussions, issuing alerts based forecasting, interaction with media, frequency of meetings during upcoming winters, etc., in view of upcoming FIFA matches, Diwali and winter season. It was updated that the Task Force, has recommended EPCA to consider severe category actions from September 15, 2017 onwards and directions issued to NCR states for rigorous implementation of Graded Response Action Plan in National Capital Region (NCR) for the upcoming winter season.

Representative from Punjab Board informed that stubble burning is expected to start from October 10, 2017. MS, CPCB informed Task Force that sporadic incidence of crop residue burning have been reported. PPCB was requested to share the manual monitoring stations installed in rural areas of Punjab, with reference to the upcoming stubble burning. Dr. Gargava, emphasized that Task Force needs to be more vigilant during the upcoming winter period.

After detailed deliberations following was agreed upon

1. IMD will issue AQI Forecast and warning alerts 07 day in advance daily at 4:00 p.m. starting September 25, 2017 onwards.
2. The warning will be issued to EPCA Chairman, EPCA Member Secretary, and all Task Force members through e-mail.
3. Frequency of Task Force meeting will be weekly (through video conferencing/personally). The members to share their skype user-id details with CPCB for the same.
4. A press note to be sent to PTI, after every Task Force meeting informing decisions, achievements and action taken.
5. Fortnightly, media interaction of the Task Force to respond specific queries and awareness to public.

**Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan  
held on March 02, 2017 at CPCB, Delhi**

**List of Participants**

1. Dr.Nandita Moitra, Sr. Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
2. Dr.V.K.Soni, Sc. 'E', Indian Metrological Department
3. Mr. Sanjay Bist, Sc. 'D', Indian Metrological Department
4. Mr. Paras Nath, RO, Ghaziabad, UP Pollution Control Board
5. Dr. BB Awasthi, RO, Noida, UP Pollution Control Board
6. Mr. Avtar Singh, Punjab Pollution Control Board
7. Mr. O.P. Gupta, RO, Alwar, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
8. Dr. Prashant Gargava, AD & Head, AQMDivision, Central Pollution Control Board
9. Mr. Aditya Sharma, Central Pollution Control Board
- 10.Mr. Abhijeet Pathak, Central Pollution Control Board
- 11.Ms. Garima Sharma, EE, Central Pollution Control Board
- 12.Ms. SakshiBatra, SSA, Central Pollution Control Board