



# GUJARAT POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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To,

Shri Rohitbhai Prajapati

Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti,

c/o. 37, Patrakar Colony,

Tandalja Road,

Vadodara-390020

Dt. 29/4/2019

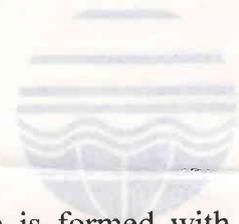
- Sub: 1) Notice to take action in view of Dangerously Very High COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand) levels observed and documented in the groundwater in village Luna, Padra Taluka, Vadodara District.
- 2) As directed by the Supreme Court in its Order dated 22/02/2017, in Writ Petition (Civil) No.375 of 2012 file Criminal Case against all polluting industries for contamination of groundwater and concerned main officers of the authorities failing their duties in preventing the groundwater contamination even after repeated letter and complaints sent to them.
- 3) Accepted, known, admitted and consistent violation of the Order dated 22/02/2017 of the Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No.375 of 2012 (Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anrs V/s Union of India & Ors) and National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, Delhi, Order dated 03/08/2018 and 19/02/2019 in original Application no.593 of 2017 (Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anrs V/s Union of India & Ors) amounting to the Contempt of the Supreme Court Order.

Ref: Your office letter dtd.18/03/2019.

Sir,

With reference to your above referred letter, you are kindly informed that Board is regularly monitoring Vadodara Enviro Channel Limited (VECL) channel (formerly known as ECP channel) and various industrial units. And whenever any industry found violating the norms or found violating the environmental laws then Board is taking stringent action against industrial units such as even by issuing closure to industrial units and prohibiting them for production activity.

As far as VECL channel is concerned, as you aware that recently Board has taken stringent action against M/s Vadodara Enviro Channel Limited (VECL) by issuing closure under section 33A of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act-1974 vide office letter dtd.13/12/2018 and later-on the three-month trial run issued with a condition to comply the time bound action plan.



As far as compensation is concerned a District Level Committee is formed with reference to directions given by Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat in the judgement dated 17/9/2009 in SCA No. 9699/2008 for accessing the extent of pollution and harm caused to the environment. And in this regard our Regional officer is perusing the matter with the District collector pertain to Dudhwada area of Padra taluka. But somehow the matter is not materializing, so recently it brought to the notice of higher Authority and based on that a letter has been written to District Collector, Vadodara on 08/04/2019 Head office to push up the matter.

As far as leakages in newly laid pipeline in VECL channel is concerned, our Regional Officials has visited the entire channel on 27/3/2019 and found that no wastewater being flowing through leakages was observed, only at some places soil found wet but no discharge of wastewater from joints of newly laid pipeline was observed.

Moreover, we would like to inform you that based on various representations and complaints Board is serious about the issues of groundwater contaminations and taking actions against the concerns.

This is for your kind information please.

Thanking You

**For and on behalf of  
Gujarat Pollution Control Board**

*D.P. Shah*

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Environmental Engineer**

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1. The Regional officer, Regional office, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Vadodara.....for information
2. Unit-12