

Government of India  
Ministry of Jal Shakti  
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation  
Central Ground Water Authority

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

New Delhi, Dated....., 2021

(In supersession of the Public Notice dated 08.01.2021 regarding "Submission of Reports")

**Sub: Submission of Impact Assessment Report/ comprehensive Hydro-geological report/ Water Audit Report – reg.**

Whereas the Central Government constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter referred to as the Authority) vide notification Number S.O. 38(E), dated 14th January, 1997, followed by notification number S.O. 1124(E) dated 6th November, 2000 and S.O. 1121 (E) dated 13th May, 2010 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the whole of India and to issue necessary regulatory directions.

And whereas the Authority has issued 'Guidelines to control and regulate ground water extraction in India' vide notification number 3289(E) dated 24th September, 2020.

And whereas the Authority has issued Public Notice dated 26.10.2020 to all existing ground water users including industrial/ infrastructure/ mining projects, wherein certain project proponents were informed to mandatorily submit Impact Assessment Report/ comprehensive Hydro-geological report/ Water Audit Report by 31.12.2020.

And whereas the Authority has issued Public Notice dated 08.01.2021 regarding "Submission of Impact Assessment Report/ comprehensive Hydro-geological report/ Water Audit Report", wherein the concerned project proponents were informed to mandatorily submit Impact Assessment Report/ comprehensive Hydro-geological report/ Water Audit Report by 31.01.2021, subject to the payment of Environmental Compensation.

**THIS IS TO FURTHER BRING TO THE NOTICE OF ALL GROUND WATER USERS THAT:**

1. A conditional NOC shall be issued to the eligible industries in all **Safe blocks** as per the CGWA Guidelines, provided that the Impact Assessment Report as required is submitted to CGWA by 30.06.2021, failing which the NOC shall be deemed to be cancelled and the users shall be liable to pay penalty. No Environmental Compensation shall be imposed on such users if the said report is submitted in the prescribed time.
2. In Over-Exploited, Critical and Semi-Critical (**OCS**) **blocks**, a conditional NOC shall be issued to the eligible industries as per the CGWA Guidelines, provided that the Impact Assessment Report as required is submitted to CGWA by 30.06.2021, failing which the NOC shall be deemed to be cancelled and the users shall be liable to pay penalty. The users shall be required to pay Environmental Compensation, as per CGWA Guidelines, which shall be calculated from 01.01.2021 till the date of submission of the report.
3. A conditional NOC shall be issued to the eligible mining projects, as per the CGWA Guidelines, provided that the Comprehensive Hydrogeological Report as required is submitted to CGWA by 30.06.2021, failing which the NOC shall be deemed to be cancelled and the users shall be liable to pay penalty. The users shall be required to pay Environmental Compensation, as per CGWA Guidelines, which shall be calculated from 01.01.2021 till the date of submission of the report.
4. Applicants from new industries submitting fresh applications for the issuance of NOC are not required to submit Water Audit Report.
5. In accordance with various notifications/amendments/circulars released by different Ministries/Departments to address the stalled projects/activities due to the outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, it is hereby informed that all such NOCs whose validity is expiring in the Financial Year 2020-2021 shall deemed to be extended till the 31.03.2021. Thus, the applications where the renewal/compliance was due between 01.04.2020 and 31.03.2021 have been granted relaxation for submitting the

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complete required documents till 31.03.2021. Such extension is subject to same terms and conditions of the prior NOC issued to such users.

6. In case of all other renewal applications, a conditional NOC shall be issued, provided that the Water Audit Report as required is submitted to CGWA by 31.03.2021, failing which the NOC shall be deemed to be cancelled and the users shall be liable to pay penalty.

This issues with the approval of Chairman, CGWA.

Member  
CGWA