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To

The Member Secretary
All SPCBs/PCCs (as per list)

Sub: Advisory to permit use of alternative fuels – reg.

Sir/Madam,

In industrial units, hotels, restaurants and other enterprises where Consent to Operate (CTO) is applicable, the type of fuel to be used is normally specified while granting CTO to ensure that emissions remain within the prescribed norms.

However, in view of the extraordinary situation arising due to supply constraints in the approved/prescribed fuel sources such as Piped Natural Gas (PNG)/Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) etc. the SPCBs/PCCs may take a view, in consultation with the concerned State Government/UT Administration and also taking into consideration, the instructions issued by Courts or appropriate authorities in this regard, to permit the temporary use of alternate fuels such as biomass, RDF pellets, etc. in place of PNG by such industries/hotels/restaurants in the State/UT for such period as deemed appropriate but not exceeding one month from the date of issuance of this advisory.

Further, in cases where there is a limitation in availability of such alternate fuels, the use of kerosene/coal could also be considered as permissible by the concerned SPCB/PCC, during this period only, as an alternate fuel and in consultation with the State Government / UT Administration.

This issues with the approval of Chairman, CPCB.

Yours faithfully,

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