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Order No.78/APPCB/UH-II/TF/VSP/2015- Dt. 23.06.2016.

REVOCATION OF STOP PRODUCTION ORDER


2. Fire accident occurred on 24.05.2016 at 10.40 AM.
3. Board Officials inspected on 24.05.2016.
5. Industry’s request letter dt.28.05.2016.
6. Board officials inspected on 03.06.2016.
7. Task Force Committee Meeting on 04.06.2016.
9. Note approval by the Chairman on 22.06.2016.

Whereas you are operating the industry in the name & style of M/s.Srikar Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.32A, JNPC, Parawada, Visakhapatnam to produce Bulk Drugs and Intermediates – 2600 Kgs/day.

Whereas vide reference 1st cited, The Board issued Consent for operation and Hazardous Waste Authorisation to the industry on 30.08.2015 for manufacturing of Bulk Drugs and Intermediates – 2600 Kgs/day for the period upto 30.06.2018.

Whereas vide reference 2nd cited, Fire accident took place due to “bursting of ammonia condenser” on 24.05.2016 at 10.40 AM at the above industry.

Whereas vide reference 3rd cited, the Board officials inspected the premises on 24.05.2016 and observed that fire accident was occurred at industry premises, resulted in leakage of ammonia gas of about 300 kgs into open area. The ammonia gas was spread upto 100 mtrs about 21 persons who were working in the vicinity inhaled the ammonia gas and became sick. The industry is supposed to inform about the accident in Form-14, whereas the industry has not informed. About 50 drums containing spent solvents were stored openly, fugitive emissions from Hcl tank were observed at the industry premises and the Ammonia concentration was between 50 PPM to 15 PPM as against the standard of 0.7 PPM (400 µg/m3).

Whereas vide reference 4th cited, the Board has issued stop production order to the industry on 25.05.2016 due to “bursting of ammonia condenser” on 24.05.2016 at 10.40 AM for causing air and water pollution problems in the area.

Whereas vide reference 5th cited, the industry vide Lr.dt.28.05.2016 submitted that they had taken requisite measures to avoid accidents in future and requested to revoke the stop production orders.

Whereas vide reference 6th cited, the RO, Visakhapatnam inspected the industry on 03.06.2016 and submitted the inspection report.

Whereas vide reference 7th cited, the industry was reviewed in External Advisory Committee (Task Force) Meeting on 04.06.2016 and discussed the issue of Revocation of Stop Production Order. The Committee has decided to obtain a detailed report from Zonal Office, Visakhapatnam on the progress made by the industry.

Whereas vide reference 8th cited, the Zonal Office, Visakhapatnam inspected the industry on 14.06.2016 and observed as follows:

a. The industry installed a new ammonia chiller and all new pipelines were erected.
b. The industry now proposing to use “water with calcium chloride (CaCl2)” as brine instead of “water with methanol” which was used prior to the accident. This completely eliminates the chance of methanol catching fire.

c. The industry installed an alarm hooter on chiller and the siren blows when the pressure exceeds 6 kg.

d. The industry installed dual safety relief valve on chiller and the safety valves will operate when the pressure exceeds 14 kg. The vents of safety valves are connected to purge into a water dump tank.

e. During the inspection, the chilling plant is being inspected by Industrial Safety & Engineering Services, authorized consulting engineers and verifying the safety norms.

f. The industry informed that they had given training to the concerned personnel on operating procedure of chilling plant.

g. The 3000 Ltrs of wastewater generated during the accident was lifted to CETP, JNPC along with LTDS effluents.

h. The industry installed a water scrubber to contain the fugitive emissions of Aluminium Chloride, which were observed during the accident.

i. It appears about 1600 Kgs of Fluconazole in four different stages in 2 (Two) batches is still in the reactors and the industry has to complete the batches.

After careful consideration of material facts of the case, the Board hereby Revoke Stop Production order with the following directions:

1. The industry shall dispose off Hazardous solid waste generated during the fire accident to TSDF, Pharmacity, Visakhapatnam immediately.

2. The industry shall take suitable measures to avoid odour nuisance in and around factory premises.

3. The industry shall construct concrete raised platform for storage of hazardous waste under the shed.

4. The industry shall commission new ammonia chilling plant along with re-commission of the plant.

5. The industry shall commission water scrubber to contain fugitive emission of Aluminium Chloride along with starting of plant.

6. The industry shall take immediate steps to obtain Responsible Care Certification.

After careful consideration of facts mentioned above, the Board hereby issue Stop Production order to the industry under Sec.31 (A) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1987 and under Sec.33(A) of Water (Prevention and Pollution Control) Act, 1988.

You are hereby directed to fortwith stop all production activities, failing which legal action would be initiated against the industry under Sec.31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987 and under Sec.33 (A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 directing closure order to the industry in the interest public health and Environment without further notice / hearing.

This Order comes into effect from today i.e., 23.06.2016.

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

To
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Copy to:
1. The District Collector, Visakhapatnam for your information.
2. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, ZO, Visakhapatnam for information.
3. The Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Visakhapatnam for information.

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