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CIRCULAR

Sub: Clarification regarding categorisation and conditions applicable to sanitary waste incinerators and clarification on categorisation of CBWTFs

Ref: Minutes of the categorisation committee meeting held on 01.04.2026

Clarification was requested regarding the categorisation and conditions applicable to sanitary waste incinerators and categorisation of CBWTFs. The above matters were placed before the categorisation committee during the meeting held on 01.04.2026. Recommendations of the Committee are approved as per the minutes cited above and the following is instructed.

Sanitary waste incinerators

The Board vide Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 06.02.2023 had categorised 'Thumboormuzhi/ Napkin incinerator/ RRF' under Orange category. The same is modified as follows:

- Community-level sanitary waste incinerators are categorised under the Orange category and shall comply with the applicable distance criteria of orange category.
- Standalone Institutional/Domestic sanitary waste incinerators need not obtain separate consent of the Board.
- Thumboormuzhi/Material Recovery Facility (MRF)/ Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) are categorised under the Orange category. RRF shall be treated as MRF as per applicable rules.

Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF)

All CBWTFs are categorized under Red Category by the Central Pollution Control Board vide its directions dated 12.02.2025. Accordingly the sector 'Common Bio-Medical Treatment facility (with complete reuse of effluent and adequate pollution control measures in incinerator (dry process))' categorised under Orange vide Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 05.10.2017 is cancelled.

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