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CAQM's Enforcement Task Force reviews inspection outcomes, enforcement actions; further strengthens compliance mechanisms across NCR

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The 128th meeting of the Enforcement Task Force (ETF) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) was held on 02.04.2026 to review enforcement and inspections undertaken across the National Capital Region (NCR) during the reporting period i.e. from 14.03.2026 to 26.03.2026. The meeting covered inspections carried out by the CAQM Flying Squads over a period of 13 days across key sectors, including Construction & Demolition (C&D), Industrial Sector, Road Dust and Diesel Generator (DG) sets.

During the reporting period, a total of 175 inspections, including 23 across C&D sites, 37 across industrial sector and 114 for DG sets violations were carried out. Based on the inspection reports, closures have been proposed for 10 units, sealing of DG sets have been proposed for 27 units, Show Cause Notices (SCNs) have been issued to 08 units and Environmental Compensation (EC) has been proposed for 01 unit.

The Task Force reviewed sectoral enforcement, including inspections related to road dust management. Inspections conducted in Meerut and Faridabad covering 16 zones revealed 140 violations, with directions issued to the respective municipal bodies for necessary corrective actions, including issuance of SCNs in cases of repeated non-compliance.

Further, the Task Force discussed the need for focused inspections in priority sectors such as DG sets (in compliance with Direction No. 76), C&D sites, road dust and stone crushers. It was also informed that restructuring of Flying Squad teams is underway, with revised team compositions to be issued shortly.

The Task Force also reviewed the updated cumulative enforcement status as on 02.04.2026. It was noted that a total of 26,672 units/ projects/ entities have been inspected so far by the Flying Squads of the Commission. Based on these inspections, 1,755 closure directions have been issued for non-compliance. Out of these, 1,330 resumption orders have been issued upon verification of compliance. Further, 123 cases have been transferred to the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) for final decision, while 302 entities remain under examination as per due process.

The Commission reiterated the need for robust enforcement, strengthened inter-agency coordination and strict adherence to prescribed environmental norms to ensure abatement of air pollution across NCR. Emphasis was laid on improving inspection efficiency, ensuring accountability and expediting follow-up actions by concerned agencies.

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