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CAQM ETF Reviews Air Pollution Enforcement; Emphasises Stricter Inspections and Compliance in NCR

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The 127th meeting of the Enforcement Task Force (ETF) of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and Adjoining Areas was held on 17.03.2026 to review enforcement and inspections undertaken across the National Capital Region (NCR) during the reporting period from 19.02.2026 to 13.03.2026. The meeting comprehensively reviewed inspections carried out by the flying squads of the Commission across key sectors, including construction and demolition (C&D), the industrial sector, road dust and violations related to diesel generator (DG) sets.

During the reporting period, 79 inspection reports were received. Further, closure has been proposed for 14 units, sealing of DG sets has been proposed for 27 units, and show cause notices (SCNs) have been issued to 20 units.

The Enforcement Task Force deliberated and emphasized on the following:

- Timely submission of responses by non-complying entities within 05 days of issuance of preliminary inspection reports.
- Augmentation of Flying Squad teams, ensuring participation of officers from CPCB and from SPCB/ DPCC, or a minimum of two officers in absence of SPCB/ DPCC representation, to enhance inspection mechanism.

The Task Force also reviewed sectoral enforcement actions relating to road dust management, including inspections conducted across zones maintained by multiple agencies such as MCD, NDMC, PWD, DDA, DSIIDC, DCB and NHAI, wherein violations were identified and corrective measures initiated, including issuance of SCNs to defaulting agencies.

The Task Force further reviewed the updated cumulative enforcement status as on 17.03.2026. It was noted that a total of 26,498 units/projects/entities have been inspected so far by the flying squads of the Commission. Based on these inspections, 1,743 closure directions have been issued for non-compliance. Out of these, 1,317 resumption orders have been issued upon verification of compliance by the concerned units. Further, 123 cases have been transferred to the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) for final decision, while resumption orders in respect of the remaining 303 entities are under examination as per due process.

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

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