



No.TNPCB/P&D/2020

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## OFFICE ORDER

### EXTENSION OF VALIDITY PERIOD OF CONSENT TO OPERATE / AUTHORIZATION EXPIRING ON 31.03.2020 FOR A PERIOD OF ANOTHER THREE MONTHS TILL 30.09.2020 – REGARDING.

**Ref: Office Order No. TNPCB/P&D/2020, Dated 01.04.2020**

Consequent upon the outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID – 19), state wide lock down with effect from 25.03.2020 has been imposed as a preventive measure to contain its spread. However, many critical and essential activities have to be operated uninterruptedly, so that all essential goods and services are made available to the people. Similarly health care facilities and waste management facilities are also to be operated continuously to maintain hygiene of the community.

In view of the extraordinary circumstances, the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board by virtue of powers under Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 extended the validity of Consent to Operate for all the units, who have valid consent to operate upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for a period of three months upto 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. As the Lockdown is still in force and for the same reasons stated above, the validity of the consent to operate for all the units who have valid consent to operate upto 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 is extended for a further period of three months (i.e) upto 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Similarly the units/facilities, which are authorized by the Board under:

- i. Hazardous and other waste (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
- ii. Bio Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016
- iii. Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016

and where the authorization is valid upto 31.03.2020, the authorizations granted under the above Rules are also extended upto 30.09.2020.

This extension of validity is subject to the same terms and conditions stipulated in the previous Consent to Operate orders/Authorizations already issued by the Board.

  
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