

**Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Env. Sci., Technology & CC**

No. STE-F(1)-1/2023 Dated: Shimla-2,

27th May, 2025

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, in compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *M.C. Mehta v. Union of India & Others*, Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029 of 1985, and the order dated 28.03.2019 passed by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, in Original Application No. 67 of 2019, this Department had issued a Fuel Policy vide Notification of even number dated 18.04.2022, permitting the use of Pet Coke in specified industries as feedstock/fuel subject to certain conditions. It was stipulated that those industries which are unable to comply with the conditions shall shift to alternate clearer fuel within prescribed time limits;

2. WHEREAS, the said notification was amended vide notification of even number dated 01.04.2023 to stipulate that Pet Coke shall be permitted as feedstock or fuel only if its *Sulphur* content does not exceed 7% by weight (on dry basis), determined in accordance with Indian standards;

3. WHEREAS, further temporary relaxations permitting Pet Coke with sulphur content up to 7.5% were allowed vide Notifications dated 12.10.2023 and 28.01.2025 in view of the non-availability of compliant Pet Coke in neighboring refineries and the limited coverage of gas pipeline infrastructure in industrial areas;

4. AND WHEREAS, it is now observed that Pet Coke with *Sulphur* content not exceeding 7% is available in nearby refineries and that the gas pipeline network is being progressively expanded, enabling industries to comply with the original stipulations. It is also noted that the industries are switching over to cleaner fuel as per availability of gas pipeline network;

5. NOW, THEREFORE, in continuation of the directions of the Hon'ble Courts, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh is pleased to rescind this Department's Notifications dated 12.10.2023 and 28.01.2025 with immediate effect. The Notifications dated 18.04.2022 and 01.04.2023 are brought into effect and shall be enforced strictly throughout the State. Industries permitted to use Pet Coke must ensure that:



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- a) The *Sulphur* content of the Pet Coke shall not exceed 7% by weight (dry basis), and the conditions stipulated for its usage are complied with in letter in & spirit.
- b) Compliance shall be ensured through laboratory analysis conducted as in accordance to extant **Indian standards**.

6. All concerned industries shall maintain verifiable records of procurement and its usage as feedstock/fuel, and shall furnish the same to the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board or any other competent authority upon request.

7. In accordance with the established procedure, this Notification is hereby uploaded on the official website of the Department for inviting objections and suggestions from the general public. Any person desirous of submitting objections or suggestions may do so in writing within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notification, addressed to the Director, Environment, Science & Technology and Climate Change, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001. The objections/suggestions received within the stipulated period shall be duly considered before final implementation.


By order

(Prabodh Saxena, IAS)
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Heads of the Departments of H.P.
3. All the Divisional Commissioners in H.P.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners in H.P.
5. The Director, Env. Science & Technology & CC, Shimla-1 with a request to upload this draft notification on the official website of the department and submit objection and suggestion, if any received by them during the said time.
6. The Member Secretary, H P State Pollution Control Board, Shimla-09 with a request to upload this draft notification on the official website of the Board.
7. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
8. Guard file.


(Satpal Dhiman) 27-05-2025
Addl. Secretary (EST & CC) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh