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## **KERALA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** **കേരള സംസ്ഥാന മലിനീകരണ നിയന്ത്രണ ബോർഡ്**

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### **CIRCULAR**

Sub: - Marine fuel dispensing units - reg.

Ref: - Office Memorandum no. B-13011/1/2019-20/AQM dated 16.08.2021 of CPCB.

The Board has specific criteria regarding the conditions for issue of consent for petrol/diesel retail outlets. As per CPCB guidelines under reference cited, there shall be minimum distance of 50m from the retail outlet to nearest point of water bodies. However, Kerala being a coastal State has marine fuel retail outlets catering to the needs of boats & other vehicles plying in the lakes, river & sea. Hence, the mentioned guideline (regarding the distance to water bodies) cannot be made applicable for marine fuel outlets as they are located adjacent to the water body.

In such cases the applicant may be asked to submit the following details:

1. The name & type of the water body (lake/river/backwater etc) & the approximate distance from the proposed unit (storage tanks/dispensing points) to the water body.
2. Events of flooding in the site during the past 10 years.
3. Precautions taken to prevent the entry of water into storage tanks/ vent pies.
4. Spill containment plan/methodology & measures to prevent leaks/spillages of fuel and draining of spillage into water bodies.
5. Undertaking in Rs 200 stamp paper that they will use the facility only for boats and that the facility will not be used for filling land motor vehicles.
6. Certificate from the Village Officer stating that no encroachment of the lake/backwater has taken place.

Consent may be issued to marine fuel outlets based on the adequacy of the reply submitted by the unit and based on the following conditions:

1. Only dispensing of HSD (high speed diesel) is permitted from the unit.
2. HSD shall be supplied to boats only. It shall not be issued to land motor vehicles.

3. The unit shall be located on a platform of not less than 2.5m height above the level of the water surface. The storage tanks are permitted to be installed under the platform in a double containment system.
4. The fuel dispensing point (not storage tanks) shall be located at a distance not more than 5m from the backwater/lake. If the distance is more than 5m, it shall not be considered a marine fuel outlet and the exemptions granted is not applicable for such units.

All the other criteria, including distance to nearby residence, are applicable in this case also.

This circular is valid from the date of issue.

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CHAIRMAN**

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