

**CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT
AND GANGA REJUVENATION**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 26-1/CGWA/ 2015

Whereas the Central Government in exercise of powers under sub section (3) of the Environment (Protection) Act of 1986, constituted the Central Ground Water Authority (hereafter referred to as the Authority) *vide* notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment & Forests number S.O. 1121(E), dated the 13th May, 2010, for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the whole of India;

And whereas the Authority has been issuing No Objection Certificate (NOC) for withdrawal of ground water by industries/ infrastructure/ mining projects. During the period October, 2009 to November, 2012, NOCs issued by Central Ground Water Authority had no time frame for their validity. However, as per the existing guidelines of CGWA, NOCs are issued for a fixed period of validity.

And whereas some firms were exempted from obtaining NOC from the Authority as per the extant guidelines in the past. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal *vide* its order dated 15.04.2015 has made it mandatory for all existing users of ground water to seek NOC from Central Ground Water Authority.

Now therefore, Central Ground Water Authority, in exercise of powers under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, hereby directs all such users **who have been issued NOC without any validity period to apply for renewal of NOC by 31st December, 2017, failing which the NOC issued to them shall stand cancelled and they will have to apply afresh for NOC.** Further, such users who were **exempted from the requirement of NOC earlier** are hereby **directed to apply for NOC for ground water extraction by 31st December, 2017, failing which necessary action as per law shall be initiated.** Applications for issuance/ renewal of NOC are to be made online through NOCAP (<http://cgwa-noc.gov.in>).


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