

Notification of Rules Under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

The Environment (Protection) Second Amendment Rules, 1992 - Environmental Audit

The Ministry of Environment and Forests issued a notification regarding environmental audits in 1992 aimed at conserving resources such as raw materials, water, and energy and ensuring that these resources do not end up as environmental pollutants. The audits are also designed to evaluate the effect of policies, operations, and other activities on the environment, particularly with regard to compliance with the standards and the generation and recycling of wastes. As per this notification, every industry is required to submit an annual Environmental Audit Report to the concerned SPCB.

In the Environmental Audit Report, the industry (operator) is required to submit information with respect to water and raw materials consumed, pollution generated, and hazardous and solid wastes produced, including disposal methods. The operator is also required to specify the impact of pollution control measures on the conservation of natural resources and consequently on the cost of production and additional investment requirements for environmental protection, including abatement of pollutants. The CPCB has issued guidelines to assist industries in carrying out environmental audits and, for the benefit of all concerned, the methodologies used for such audits.
