



CAQM reviews enforcement actions across NCR; 162 inspections conducted

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The 129th meeting of the Enforcement Task Force (ETF) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) was held on 17.04.2026 to review enforcement actions and inspections undertaken across the National Capital Region (NCR) for the reporting period from 27.03.2026 to 10.04.2026. During this 15-day period, 162 inspections were carried out and 64 violations were reported across key sectors.

The inspections were conducted by the flying squads of the Commission and covered 25 inspections across Construction & Demolition (C&D) sites, 28 inspections across the industrial sector and 109 inspections related to Diesel Generator (DG) sets. A total of 64 violations were reported, including 14 from C&D sites, 08 from the industrial sector and 42 across DG sets.

Based on the inspection reports, closure has been proposed for 09 units, sealing of DG sets for 18 units, issuance of show cause notices (SCNs) for 11 units and environmental compensation (EC) for 06 units. The Task Force also reviewed actions taken since the last ETF meeting held on 02.04.2026. It noted that a total of 46 closure/SCN/sealing/EC letters have been issued during this period, including 09 from the industrial sector, 06 from C&D sites and 31 from DG sets.

The Task Force further took note of special enforcement drives, including inspections related to road dust mitigation conducted in the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram on 07.04.2026, wherein multiple zones were inspected and 126 violations were reported. The concerned municipal authorities have been directed to take necessary corrective actions, including issuance of SCNs in cases of repeated non-compliance.

The Task Force highlighted the need for focused enforcement in priority sectors, particularly DG sets (in line with Direction No. 76), C&D activities, industrial emissions and road dust management. It emphasised strengthening inter-agency coordination and expediting follow-up actions to ensure effective compliance on ground.

Further, the updated cumulative enforcement status as on 17.04.2026 was reviewed. It was noted that a total of 26,834 units/projects/entities have been inspected so far by the flying squads of the Commission. Based on these inspections, 1,765 closure directions have been issued, out of which 1,349 resumption orders have been issued upon verification of compliance. A total of 123 cases have been transferred to the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) for final decision, while 293 entities remain under examination for consideration of resumption orders.

The Commission reiterated the need for robust enforcement, improved data integrity, strengthened inter-agency coordination and strict adherence to prescribed environmental norms to ensure effective abatement of air pollution across NCR. It emphasised continued focus on enhancing inspection efficiency, ensuring accountability at all levels and expediting enforcement actions to achieve sustained improvements in air quality.

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