

STANDARDS FOR COAL MINES

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1. Air Quality Standards

The Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM), Respirable Particulate Matter (RPM), Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) concentration in downwind direction considering predominant wind direction, at a distance of 500 metres from the following dust generation sources shall not exceed the standards specified in the Table I, II and III given below:

Dust Generating Sources:

Loading or unloading, Haul road, coal transportation road, Coal handling plant (CHP), Railway siding, Blasting, Drilling, Overburden dumps, or any other dust generating external sources like coke ovens (hard as well as soft), briquette industry, nearby road etc.

Table - I

Category	Pollutant	Time weighted average	Concentration in Ambient Air	Method of Measurement
1	2	3	4	5
New Coal Mines (Coal Mines commenced operation after the date of publication of this notification)	Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)	Annual Average * 24 hours **	360 µg/m ³ 500 µg/m ³	– High Volume Sampling (Average flow rate not less than 1.1 m ³ /min)
	Respirable Particulate Matter (size less than 10 µm) (RPM)	Annual Average * 24 hours **	180 µg/m ³ 250 µg/m ³	– Respirable Particulate Matter sampling and analysis
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Annual Average * 24 hours **	80 µg/m ³ 120 µg/m ³	– Improved West and Gaeke method – Ultraviolet fluorescence
	Oxide of Nitrogen as NO ₂	Annual Average * 24 hours **	80 µg/m ³ 120 µg/m ³	– Jacob & Hochheiser Modified (Na-Arsenic) Method – Gas phase Chemiluminescence

Table - II

Category	Pollutant	Time weighted average	Concentration in Ambient Air	Method of Measurement
1	2	3	4	5
II Existing Coal Mines (Which commenced operation prior to the date of publication of this notification)	Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)	Annual Average * 24 hours **	430 µg/m ³ 600 µg/m ³	– High Volume Sampling (Average flow rate not less than 1.1 m ³ /minute)
	Respirable Particulate Matter (size less than 10 µm) (RPM)	Annual Average * 24 hours **	215 µg/m ³ 300 µg/m ³	– Respirable Particulate Matter sampling and analysis
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Annual Average * 24 hours **	80 µg/m ³ 120 µg/m ³	– Improved West and Gaeke method Ultraviolet fluorescence
	Oxide of Nitrogen as NO ₂	Annual Average * 24 hours **	80 µg/m ³ 120 µg/m ³	– Jacob & Hochheiser Modified (Na-Arsenic) Method – Gas phase Chemiluminescence

Note:

* Annual Arithmetic mean for the measurements taken in a year, following the guidelines for frequency of sampling laid down in clause 2.

** 24 hourly / 8 hourly values shall be met 92% of the time in a year. However, 8% of the time it may exceed but not on two consecutive days.

Unauthorised construction shall not be taken as a reference of nearest residential or commercial place for monitoring.

In case any residential or commercial or industrial place falls within 500 metres of any dust generating sources, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards notified under schedule VII shall be applicable.

Frequency of Sampling

- Air quality monitoring at a frequency of once in a fortnight at the dust generating sources given in clause 1 shall be carried out.
- As a result of monthly monitoring, if it is found that the value of the pollutant is less than 50% of the specified standards for three consecutive months, then the sampling frequency may be shifted to two days in a quarter year (3 months).
- In case, the value has exceeded the specified standards, the air quality sampling shall be done twice a week. If the results of four consecutive weeks indicate that the concentration of pollutants is within the specified standards, then fortnight monitoring may be reverted to.

2. Effluent Standards

The standards for effluent discharge into sewer or stream or land, are given below:

PH	:	5.5 to 9.0
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	:	250 mg/l
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	:	100 mg/l 200 mg/l (Land for irrigation)
Oil & Grease (O & G)	:	10 mg/l

(Monitoring frequency of these parameters shall be once in a fortnight)

Optional parameters: All other parameters indicated in the general standards for discharge of environment pollutants under Schedule VI, shall be in addition to the effluent standards specified under clause 3.

(Monitoring frequency shall be once in a year for the optional parameters)

3. Noise Level Standards

Time duration : 6.00 AM - 10.00 PM 10.00 PM - 6.00 AM

Noise level : Leq 75 dB(A) Leq 75 dB(A)

(Monitoring frequency for noise level shall be once in a fortnight)

Occupational exposure limit of noise specified by Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS) shall be complied with by the local mines.
