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OFFICE ORDER

**EXTENSION OF VALIDITY PERIOD OF CONSENT TO OPERATE /
AUTHORIZATION EXPIRED ON 31/05/2021 TILL 30/06/2021
REGARDING**

Consequent upon the declaration of lockdown dated 15.05.2021 issued by the State Government as preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, it has not been possible to process some of the applications for renewal of Consent to Operate and Authorization expired on 31st May, 2021. However, it is extremely important that critical and essential activities / services such as Health care establishments, Biomedical Waste Management facilities, Municipal Solid Waste Management Facilities, Common Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities, units relating to medical supplies, COVID protective supplies, health and hygiene care products, oxygen and oxygen cylinders, continuous process industries and production and packaging of essential food commodities and beverages including milk, poultry, fish and meat.

In view of such abnormal circumstances, the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (State Board) by virtue of powers conferred under Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & under Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, hereby extends the validity of Consent to Operate up to 30th June 2021 of all the such units, who have valid consent to operate up to 31st May 2021 and have applied to the State Board online or have submitted hard copy of Renewal of Consent to Operate.

Similarly, the units/facilities that are authorized by the State Board under

- i) Hazardous And Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amended Rules 2016,
- ii) Bio Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016,
- iii) Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

and the authorization is valid up to 31st May 2021, the authorizations granted under above rules are hereby extended up to 30th June 2021. This order is applicable to those units whose renewal applications are yet to be disposed of by the State Board.

This extension of validity up to 30th June 2021 is subject to same terms and conditions stipulated in the previous Consent to operate Orders/ Authorizations issued by the State Board and availability of other statutory clearances.


Member Secretary