

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, 26th the March, 2026.

No.FOR.2/2021/Pt/253:- Whereas, the State Government is empowered to issue directions for the protection and improvement of the environment and for the prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, in pursuance of the delegation of powers by the Central Government vide Notification No. S.O. 389(E) dated 14th April, 1988;

And whereas, a "Comprehensive Study on Pollution Load of Coke Oven Plant Clusters at Soo Kilo and Umtyra, East Jaintia Hills District", conducted by M/S Enviro Infra Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Ghaziabad, has revealed significant emission of air pollutants and associated environmental impact requiring regulatory intervention;

And whereas, an Expert Technical Committee, constituted vide Government Notification No. FOR 2/2021/216 dated 27.09.2021, has furnished its recommendations in relation to the findings of the said study;

And whereas, the findings and recommendations of the said study were evaluated and examined by the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, and on such evaluation, it has been indicated, on the basis of Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) scores and carrying capacity assessment, that the Soo Kilo and Umtyra cluster area are approaching the threshold of classification as Critically Polluted Area;

And whereas, based on the aforesaid evaluation and assessment, the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, in exercise of its statutory functions under Section 17 (l)(a), 17 (l)(b), Section 17 (1) (c), Section 17 (l)(f), Section 17(1)(g) and Section 17 (1) (h) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, has furnished its technical recommendations and advice to the State Government in relation to the prevention, control and abatement of air pollution in the said cluster areas;

And whereas, the State Government, after due consideration of the said study, recommendations of the Expert Technical Committee, and technical inputs and advice of the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient in the interest of protection of the environment and public health to regulate the operation of coke oven plants in the said areas;

Now therefore, the Government of Meghalaya hereby issue the following directions:-

(a) Establishment of new coke plant units or expansion of existing units shall be denied or restricted, as the case may be, within the Soo Kilo and Umtyra cluster and within a 10 (ten) km radius buffer zone, until further orders.

(b) Existing units shall strictly comply with prescribed emission and effluent standards and shall install, operate and maintain approved Air Pollution Control Devices (APCDs) without fail.

(c) The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board shall intensify monitoring, inspection, and enforcement action in accordance with the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, as applicable.

(d) Green belts shall be developed and maintained around industrial premises, and fugitive emissions shall be effectively controlled in accordance with prescribed environmental norms.

These directions are issued in the interest of protecting environmental quality, safeguarding public health, and ensuring sustainable industrial operations in the region.

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect and until further orders.

Sd/-

(M.B.K. Reddy, IFS)

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department

Memo No.FOR.2/2021/Pt/253-A

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Copy to:-

1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, I/c Forest and Environment Department of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
3. The Additional Secretary, CP Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.
4. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi—110032.
5. The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Commerce & Industries Department/ Mining & Geology Department/ Textiles Department/ Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department/ Forest & Environment Department, Shillong.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. The Chief Executive Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority, Shillong.

8. The Chairman/ Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong.
9. The Director, Commerce & Industries Department/ Mining & Geology Department, Shillong.
10. The Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)/State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Shillong.
11. The Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat.
12. The Director, Printing and Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong, for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette and to furnish to this Department with 20 printed copies.
13. The State Information Officer, NIC Shillong, with request to place the notification in Government website.
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Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department.

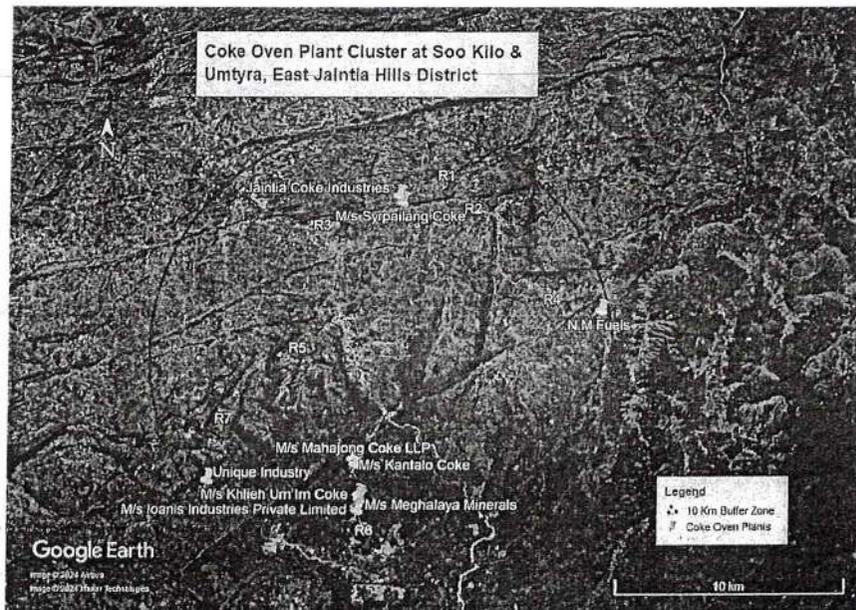


Fig: Map showing the study area at Soo Kilo and Umtyra and the 10 kms radius buffer zone