

Regulations EN 13.0 – Environmental Reporting

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13.1 General

The reporting requirements described in this regulation are designed to enable the Authority to assess the impact of sources of environmental pollution and to ensure that the environmental control criteria for air emissions, wastewater, solid / hazardous wastes and noise promulgated in other regulations will be achieved.

In general, this regulation calls for owner or operators of sources or potential sources of environmental pollution to:

- a. Submit information prior to any mobilization or before making any modifications to existing facilities;
- b. Perform, prior to commercial operation, Performance Testing of pollution abatement equipment and/or environmental monitoring;
- c. Report, as required by the Authority, the monitoring data;
- d. Prepare data analyses; and
- e. Provide quality assurance procedures, testing, documentation, etc.

13.2 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The Certificate of Environmental Clearance (CEC) issued by Ports, Customs and Free Zone Corporation – Environment, Health and Safety (EHS), the competent regulatory Authority covering all projects, facilities and / or activities within PCFC jurisdiction, is pursuant to Article 4 of UAE Federal Law No. (24) of 1999 for the Protection and Development of the Environment, which specifies that “no project or industrial establishment shall start any activity before obtaining the license including EIA”.

Where in the opinion of the Authority, any new / modification activity has a potential for environmental impact then the facility owner / operator shall prepare and submit to the Authority an EIA report as per EIA Guidelines of the Authority (see relevant Guideline).

A major alteration is defined as any modification, which involves but not limited to land / project area expansion, increase in production capacity or process flow or technology to be used. The onus is on the owner / operator to submit the report in good time to enable a full technical evaluation by the Authority.

If any mobilization commences before the EIA approval, this shall not be accepted as a reason for not modifying a partially completed or completed industrial facility for environmental reasons.

The Authority may, on a case-by-case basis, require any existing premises to conduct an environmental audit (by a pre-qualified third party environmental consultant) of their facility and submit the report. EIA / Audit studies and Authority recommendations shall be adopted. For further guidance, see relevant guideline.

13.2 References

- UAE Federal Law No. (24) of 1999 for the Protection and Development of the Environment
- Dubai Municipality Environmental Compliance Guideline for the Industrial Sector of Dubai