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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Climate Change, Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department
Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



No. EPA/HQ/Letters/ 6694-96
Dated: 11 / 08 /2025

To

Mr. Muhammad Ali,
Factory Manager,
Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak,
District Nowshera.

Subject:

DECISION ON INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION
REPORT OF "FUEL STORAGE TANKS FOR PAKISTAN TOBACCO
COMPANY, AKORA KHATTAK FACTORY".

Reference to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Environmental Approval/Decision note on "Fuel Storage Tanks for Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak Factory", for your information and further implementation.

Moreover, Schedule-X must be submitted to this Agency within a month on stamp paper as an undertaking for the compliance of term and condition as mentioned in the Environmental Approval as well as mitigation measures proposed in the IEE report, please.



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Copy for information to:

- i. The GIS Specialist, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- ii. PA to Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

SCHEDULE-VIII
Decision on IEE

1. Name, address of proponent: Mr. Muhammad Ali,
Factory Manager, Pakistan Tobacco
Company, Akora Khattak.

2. Description of project: The project for which the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) conducted is "Fuel Storage Tanks for Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak Factory". The project site is located within the premises of Pakistan Tobacco Company (PTC), Akora Khattak, District Nowshera. The project involved is installation of two (02) diesel oil storage tanks each with a capacity of 34,500 liters over an area of about 4900 sq-ft which are installed to supply diesel to the power generators already installed within the unit. Although, the unit primarily relies on WAPDA for its power supply, frequent load shedding necessitated an uninterrupted source of energy. In order to ensure a consistent power supply during electricity outages, the management installed these diesel oil storage tanks in the year 1992. The diesel storage tanks provide a reliable backup energy source, ensuring that the factory can continue its production process without interruption. The environmental risks include soil & ground water contamination from potential leaks or spills and air pollution due to evaporative emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and the occupational health & safety risks include fire and explosion hazards, respiratory issues from prolonged exposure to diesel fumes and the potential for chemical burns or physical injuries during maintenance operations for which the company has implemented comprehensive mitigation measures to address the concerns.



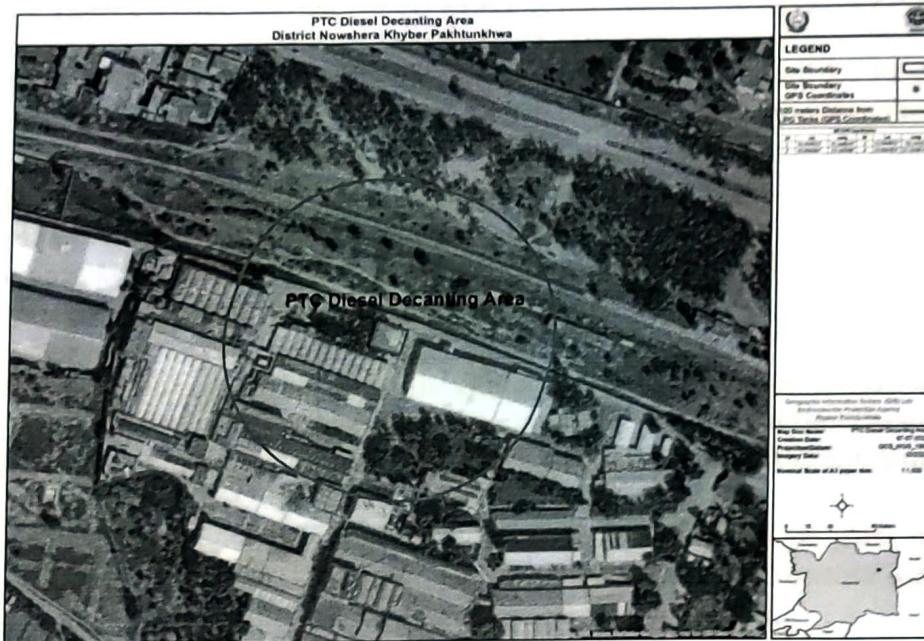
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3. Location of Project:

The project is located at Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak, District Nowshera.

4. GPS Coordinates & Map:

BD GPS Coordinates					
S#	Lat	Long	S#	Lat	Long
1	33.994821°	72.144643°	3	33.994601°	72.144791°
2	33.994684°	72.144586°	4	33.994753°	72.144847°



5. Date of filing of IEE.

22/11/2024 (Ref. EPA Diary No.170)
EPA Central Directorate.

6. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the **"IEE REPORT OF FUEL STORAGE TANKS FOR PAKISTAN TOBACCO COMPANY, AKORA KHATTAK, DISTRICT NOWSHERA"**, in consideration of License issued vide letter No. PE-D/1/PL, PE-D/152/P(HQ) from department of Explosives, Ministry of Energy (Petroleum division), according to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a) This approval is accorded under Section-13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014.
- b) This approval is accorded in light of the decision taken under Agenda item No. 06 in the 2nd Environmental Protection Council (EPC) meeting held dated 11/09/2024 and Administrative Department Notification No. SO(Env)/CCFEWD/4-2/2023/EPC/V-III dated 22/01/2025.
- c) This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance that may be required under any law in force. The proponent shall have to obtain NOCs required from other departments/authorities under the prevailing laws/rules of the provincial government before operations of the project (if required).
- d) The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in IEE Report, explanation/clarification submitted to this Agency in response to various observations/queries raised during presentation as

well as any un-anticipated impacts during the operational phase of the project to minimize any negative impacts on soil, ground water, air etc.

- e) The Proponent shall ensure the compliance and implementation of the National Environmental Quality Standard (NEQS) for ambient air, noise, water and gaseous emission.
- f) The proponent shall store only the type of oil mentioned in the IEE report i-e Diesel (HSD) for Diesel powered generators. The project area shall not be used for the storage of chemicals & other products.
- g) All the construction and installation of the project shall be in accordance with the OGRA Standards for Bulk Oil Storage and Handling Facilities and NFPA 30- Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code.
- h) For the safety of Storage Tanks the proponent shall install the tanks within bunded containment areas (secondary containment) around tanks with 110% of the largest tank capacity or as per safety measures of the concerned authorities & the tanks shall be coated with fire retardant materials.
- i) The proponent shall install lightning protection & earthing system, automatic water sprinklers/shower system, leak detection/heat & smoke sensor & alarm system and provide advance firefighting equipment in the premises.
- j) The proponent shall ensure; sufficient ventilation at the oil storage premises, restricted access to the sensitive areas and routine inspection of the oil storage facility & the safety equipment installed.
- k) Emergency Response Plan & Contingency Plan for Oil spills shall be prepared, displayed and adopted in true letter and spirit. Moreover, the staff/workforce shall be trained in this regard.
- l) Plantation of 2000 native, fast growing, climate friendly trees having a size of 05-10 feet shall be carried out annually to act as a vibration barrier across the boundary of the project & in available open spaces or in consultation with EPA. The plantation shall also include native fruit trees, Jamun & Shehtoot (Mulberry) etc, and also their sustainability shall be ensured.
- m) The municipal solid waste shall be disposed off at designated dumping site in consultation with the concerned authorities.
- n) The proponent shall construct Septic tanks for the treatment of sanitary wastewater and ensure its timely maintenance.
- o) Personal protective equipment shall be provided to all workers to ensure health and safety along with first aid box for emergency medical coverage.
- p) Awareness/Environment related messages & signboards shall be mounted in and outside of the storage area.
- q) Water & Energy conservation practices shall be adopted to avoid over exploitation of both the resources.
- r) The proponent shall carryout CSR activities/projects for the betterment of local community and record be maintained.
- s) Vehicle carrying oil shall be certified from the VETS, properly labeled with the message indicating existence of the specified oil, etc.
- t) The proponent shall be liable to address concerns/complaints highlighted by the local community/neighborhood.
- u) The proponent is bound to implement any additional measures for the protection of Environment as and when suggested by EPA.


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The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information provided in the environmental report.

8. The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Rules 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules-2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
9. The proponent shall comply with the Rule- 14 (2) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules-2021 and shall submit undertaking on stamp paper for the compliance of conditions mentioned in Environmental Approval.
10. This approval is accorded only for the installation/construction phase of the project; the proponent will have to obtain separate approval for the operation phase after compliance in accordance with Rule-15 of the KP-Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021.
11. This Agency shall not be responsible for any issue related to the project land.
12. There shall be no legal case pending in the courts against the project.
13. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, delegated Vide letter No. EPA/Admin/050/01/93/2104-2107 dated 16/04/2025 the undersigned is pleased to approve the IEE Report of "**Fuel Storage Tanks For Pakistan Tobacco Company, Akora Khattak, District Nowshera**", for the Construction Phase of the aforementioned project with the above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 11/08/2025

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