



AZAD GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
MUZAFFARABAD



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Ref. #: EPA/3825-34/2014.

Date: 23-10-2014

Name & Address of Proponent:	Water & Power Development Authority (WAPDA), Pakistan
Description of Project	Construction of 969 MW Neelum-Jhelum Hydroelectric Project (NJHEP).
Location of Project	Diversion Weir on River Neelum, at Nauseri and Power House at Chatter Kalas, Muzaffarabad.
Date of Filing of Application	July 23, 2014

RENEWAL OF CONDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

(Under Section-11 of AJK-Environmental Protection Act, 2000 read with IEE/EIA Regulations, 2000 PEPA)

Reference letter No. GM&PD/NJHPC/2014/W-35/91, dated July 23, 2014, please.

In continuation of Environmental Approval granted by the Agency, under section 11 of the Azad Jammu & Kashmir Environmental Protection Act, on January 22, 2011, No. P&DD/EPA/209-13/2011, 2000, (hereby mentioned as previous Approval) for the implementation of Neelum-Jhelum Hydroelectric Project; this is to accord 'Renewed Environmental Approval' in favor of WAPDA for the remaining construction phase of NJHEP subject to the fulfillment of the conditions/clauses given below.

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1. All the conditions imposed under previous Environmental Approval shall stand enforced during the remaining construction phase of the project and the proponent, WAPDA, shall be liable to comply these in true letter and spirit.
2. In continuation or additional to already imposed, the WAPDA shall undertake following measures on priority basis.
 - i. Dumping of spoil at pre-identified and approved places, and in this respect, dumping of spoil/excavated material at sites other than approved and in flood line of rivers shall be strictly prohibited. Additional sites, as the prevailing situation demands, may be explored if possible to dump the spoil and get approval.
 - ii. A comprehensive plan to construct protection/retaining walls for all spoil banks, an earnestly required measure, to safeguard and enhance the life of Mangla Reservoir, must be submitted to the Agency within one month time from the issuance of this Approval.
 - iii. Installment of Water Gauging Facility without any further delay and, in respect thereof, implementation/execution plan may be shared with the Agency within 03-months' time positively.
 - iv. For the environment improvement & rehabilitation measures, like solid/hospital waste management support, may be considered for Municipal Corporation Muzaffarabad (MCM) under NJHEP as confidence building measure.
 - v. The remodeling and readjustment of off-take of Makri Water Treatment & Supply Facility must be started on prompt basis and, in respect thereof, execution plan may be submitted to the Agency within one month time.
 - vi. Owing to such situation wherein water supply arrangement for urban areas of Capital City has already been covered under MCDP, the WAPDA shall install a Gravity Water Supply Scheme from *Saheli Nullah* for the suburbs of Muzaffarabad city.

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- vii. The statement of expenditures incurred against implementation of Environmental Management Plan (EMP), must be made as an integral part of future Quarterly Monitoring Reports.
- viii. As an integral part of environment management and rehabilitation under NJHEP, the WAPDA shall workout and execute a Watershed Management Program in consultation with the concerned Government Departments/ agencies like Forest, Agriculture, and Wildlife & Fisheries Departments Govt. of AJ&K.
- ix. The plantation activity, which is a part of approved EMP of NJHEP, it is required that this activity shall be implemented without any further delay and, in respect thereof, the WAPDA shall submit a plan within one month of this issuance.
- x. In compliance to Clause-(a) of Sub-section-(2) of Section-13, the proponent (WAPDA) shall acknowledge the acceptance of the conditions stipulated here under this Approval by executing an 'Undertaking' in the form set out in Schedule VII of 'Azad Jammu & Kashmir Environment Protection Agency Review of IEE/EIA Regulations, 2009'.
- xi. These approvals (previous & renewed) shall stand null & void if any of the conditions mentioned herein or before are not fully complied with.


(Abdul Qayyum Chaudhry)
Director General, EPA.

No. and date even.

A copy is forwarded to;

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (D)/Secretary Environment, GoAJK.
2. Secretary Forest, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, GoAJK.
3. Secretary Electricity & Power Development Organization (PDO), GoAJK.
4. Secretary Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, GoAJK.
5. Secretary Planning & Development Department, GoAJK.
6. Chairman WAPDA, Lahore Pakistan.
7. Chief Executive Officer, Neelum-Jhelum Hydroelectric Project.
8. Coordinator, Neelum-Jhelum Hydroelectric Project, GoAJK.
9. Mr. Amar Safdar, General Manager/PD, 969 MW Neelum-Jhelum Hydroelectric Project (NJHEP), B-04, Upper Chatter Housing Scheme, Muzaffarabad, for compliance.
- ✓ 10. Master File.

