

Will Pollution Stop on August 4?

Cuddalore, 2 August, 2006: Yesterday SACEM monitors received a call from the senior officials of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) informing them that a joint pollution patrol of TNPCB and SACEM will be conducted on 4th August, 2006. A senior TNPCB official from the Chennai head office will be present during the patrol. Given past experience, SACEM is willing to bet that SIPCOT industries will scale down pollution on 4 August to impress visiting officials. Pollution will continue until 4 August, and resume after the officials leave, monitors predict. Keeping this in mind, SACEM has planned series of patrols in the lead up to and following the joint patrol. The first of these patrols were conducted during the early hours of 2 August, 2006. Odour levels observed during this patrol were between 3 and 6 on a scale of ten.

Read the pollution patrol report here:

Date: 2 August 2006

Time 3:00 am to 4:30 am

S No.	Name of the company	Time	Wind Direction	Location of the monitors	Odour	Rank	Health effects	Other observations
1.	CUSECS 6	3:00 am	S to N	Thaikal Thonithurai road	Rotten dead body	6	Vomiting sensation and giddiness	--
2.	Victory Chemicals	3:05 am	S to N	TANFAC cross road	Sulphur	3	Eye burning	--
3.	Tagros Chemicals	3:15 am	S to N	SIPCOT Cross road	Pesticides	6	Headache	The entire unit was covered with a cloud of smoke
4.	Pondycherry Alum	3:20 am	S to N	SIPCOT road	Acid	4	Eye burning and skin itching	--
5.	TANFAC	3:25 am	S to N	ECR road	--	--	--	All chimneys were found releasing thick white smoke
6.	Shasun Chemicals	3:40 am	S to N	Kudikadu Road	Pesticides	5	Headache and eye burning	Thick black smoke was noticed from all the chimneys at Shasun unit
7.	Loyal Super Fabrics	3:45 am	S to N	Kudikadu Colony	--	--	--	--
8.	CUSECS 5	3:50 am	S to N	SIPCOT Canteen road	Rotten cabbage	6	Headache and vomiting sensation	--
9.	Asian Paints	4:00 am	S to N	Opposite petrol bunk	Sapotta smell	3	Induced hunger	--
10.	Tantech Agro Chemicals	4:05 am	S to N	SIPCOT police station	Mosquito coil	4	Vomiting sensation and giddiness	--
11.	SPIC Pharma	4:10 am	S to N	Eachangadu	Public toilet	4	Vomiting sensation and giddiness	There was thick smoke emission from the chimneys of the factory
12.	Pioneer Miyagi	4:20 am	S to N	Sedapalayam Road	Rotten dead body	4	Headache and vomiting sensation	--
13.	Pandian	4:25 am	S to N	Semmankuppam	Sulphur	3	Eye burning	--

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	Chemicals			to Uppanar road				
14.	Arkema Peroxides	4:30 am	S to N	Opposite Pandian Chemicals	Neem cake odour	6	Headache and vomiting sensation	--