

Conditions for Working within Water Gathering Grounds (WGG)

- (a) Adequate measures shall be taken to ensure that no pollution or siltation happens to the gathering grounds. The whole of the foul water drainage during the construction period shall be conveyed by suitable means for proper discharge outside the gathering grounds.
- (b) No earth, building materials, fuel, soil or toxic materials and other materials which may cause contamination to the gathering grounds are allowed to be stockpiled on site.
- (c) All surplus spoils shall be protected and removed off the gathering grounds as soon as possible.
- (d) Temporary drains with silt traps shall be constructed along the boundary of the site prior to the commencement of any earthworks and shall be properly maintained during the progress of the works.
- (e) Regular cleaning of the silt traps shall be carried out to ensure that they function properly at all times.
- (f) All excavated or filled surfaces, which are prone to erosion, shall be protected from erosion at all times.
- (g) Facilities for washing the wheels of vehicles before leaving the site shall be provided. The effluent and washed off spoils from the wheels of vehicles shall be properly treated and disposed of e.g. connected to the temporary drains with silt traps.
- (h) Any construction plant which may cause pollution to the gathering grounds due to leakage of oil or fuel shall be removed from the gathering grounds immediately.
- (i) Any soil contaminated with fuel leaked from plant shall be removed off site and the voids arising from removal of contaminated soil shall be replaced by suitable material to the satisfaction of the Water Authority.
- (j) Portable toilets of the closed chemical type may be provided on site subject to the approval of the Water Authority*~~/shall be provided on site to the satisfaction of the Water Authority*~~. The portable toilets and associated facilities shall be properly maintained to prevent pollution of water courses. Any portable toilets so provided shall be cleaned with waste collected at least 3 times per week or more frequent as required by the Water Authority. Sludge and waste water including cleanup water from the toilets shall be conveyed outside the gathering grounds for proper disposal. A portable toilet shall be kerbed on all sides and located at least 30 m away from any water course.
- (k) Appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent damage to or overturning of the portable toilets by, say strong wind or vandalism, leading to discharge of sewage into the gathering grounds.
- (l) If serious malfunction occurs and the portable toilets are to be closed, the Water Authority shall be informed of the problems and the proposed remedy.
- (m) If, as a result of operation of the toilet, the water quality condition or the aesthetic

- condition of any nearby water course deteriorates or there appears foul seepage into the gathering grounds, the toilet shall be closed down immediately pending completion of remedial measures to the satisfaction of the Water Authority.
- (n) The ~~Allocatee*/Purchaser*/Grantee*~~ shall be responsible for cleaning frequently any waterworks access roads and associated drainage works of mud and debris arising from the construction activities.
- (o) Site formation plans including details of silt traps shall be submitted to the Water Authority for approval prior to commencement of works.
- (p) All waterworks access roads must be maintained unobstructed at all times.
- (q) No structure or temporary works shall be erected in the catchwaters without prior approval of the Water Authority.
- (r) The ~~Allocatee*/Purchaser*/Grantee*~~ shall not run any vehicles in any waterworks access roads unless with the prior approval of the Water Authority. He shall apply to the Water Authority for its approval with details of his vehicles for using the access. Unless otherwise approved, the ~~Allocatee*/Purchaser*/Grantee*~~ shall limit the gross weight of the vehicles imposed on the waterworks access to 5 tonnes and the axle load to 3 tonnes.
- (s) The approval for using the access may be withdrawn on written notice to the ~~Allocatee*/Purchaser*/Grantee*~~ by the Water Authority at its absolute discretion.
- (t) The ~~Allocatee*/Purchaser*/Grantee*~~ shall pay to the Government on demand the cost of repair and reinstatement to any waterworks installation or access road that shall or may be necessary at any time during the term as a result of damage caused by any works or other activities under his charge, and shall indemnify the Government against any claim, action or demand arising therefrom.
- (u) The ~~Allocatee*/Purchaser*/Grantee*~~ shall enter and remain on and use the access at his own risk and he shall indemnify the Government against all claims, costs damages and expense arising from the use of the access.
- (v) The use and storage of pesticides, laticidal oil, rodenticide, toxicants, flammable solvents, tar and petroleum oil are strictly prohibited within WGG.

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