

Gujarat Pollution Control Board mandates online submission of documents through XGN portal

Introduction

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board ('GPCB') has issued a circular on 5 June 2026, mandating online submission of various compliance documents, reports and returns through the eXtended Green Note ('XGN') portal. With this directive, physical submission of designated documents by registered industries and healthcare facilities ('HCF's) has been discontinued wherever online filing facilities are available.

Hence, with effect from 5 June 2026, the following documents shall be submitted online by registered industries and HCFs on the said portal

- Response against 'Notice of Entry' issued during inspections
- Reply/compliance against the show cause notices, notices of directions, closure directions, and other directions issued by GPCB.
- Annual return (Form IV) under the Hazardous and Other Waste Management Rules.
- Annual return under the Biomedical Waste Rules
- Environmental statement (Form V)
- Environmental audit reports
- Half-yearly reports, annual reports like: Plastic waste return, Fly ash return, and half-yearly EC compliance report required under Consent/Authorisation conditions.
- Any other report/document/compliance (e.g. HAZOP study report, remediation plan, various undertakings, etc.) for which online submission facility has been provided on the XGN portal.

Key highlights of the circular

- GPCB has mandated that all eligible documents be submitted electronically through the XGN portal.
- Submission of online documents shall be within the prescribed timelines. The date and time recorded on the portal upon successful submission will be treated as the official date of filing for regulatory and compliance purposes.
- While routine physical submissions have been discontinued, it is clarified that physical documents may still be required where specifically requested by the Board through written communication.
- Original bank guarantees must continue to be submitted physically to the Head Office registry branch. Units that are not yet registered on the XGN portal may continue to submit documents physically until online access becomes available.

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Therefore

GPCB's decision to discontinue physical submission of compliance documents marks a significant step towards a paperless and technology-driven regulatory framework. By mandating online filing through the XGN portal, the Board has reinforced its focus on transparency, accountability, and ease of compliance. Industries and healthcare facilities need to review their internal compliance processes, strengthen digital record-keeping practices, and ensure timely adoption of the revised filing mechanism.