

Various Environmental Standards

1. Drinking water standards

Parameters	Standard value (s_i)	Permissible values	Unit weight factor (w_i)
Ph	6.5–8.5	No relaxation	0.219
Turbidity (NTU)	5	25	0.08
TDS (mg/l)	500	2000	0.00370
Total hardness (mg/l)	300	600	0.00618
Sulphates (mg/l)	200	400	0.01236
Magnesium (mg/l)	30	100	0.0618
Nitrates (mg/l)	45	No relaxation	0.0412
Chloride (mg/l)	250	1000	0.00741
Calcium (mg/l)	75	200	0.02472
Sum of unit weight factor			$\sum W_i = 0.74638$

2. Fresh water classification

Water Quality Criteria

Designated-Best-Use	Class of water	Criteria
Drinking Water Source without conventional treatment but after disinfection	A	1.Total Coliforms Organism MPN/100ml shall be 50 or less 2.pH between 6.5 and 8.5 3.Dissolved Oxygen 6mg/l or more 4.Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 days 20°C 2 mg/l or less
Outdoor bathing (Organised)	B	1.Total Coliforms Organism MPN/100ml shall be 500 or less 2.pH between 6.5 and 8.5 3.Dissolved Oxygen 5mg/l or more 4.Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 days 20°C 3 mg/l or less

Drinking water source after conventional treatment and disinfection	C	1.Total Coliforms Organism MPN/100ml shall be 5000 or less 2.pH between 6 to 9 3.Dissolved Oxygen 4 mg/l or more 4.Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5 days 20°C 3 mg/l or less
Propagation of Wild life and Fisheries	D	1.pH between 6.5 to 8.5 2.Dissolved Oxygen 4 mg/l or more 3.Free Ammonia (as N) 1.2 mg/l or less
Irrigation, Industrial Cooling, Controlled Waste disposal	E	1.pH betwwn 6.0 to 8.5 2.Electrical Conductivity at 25°C micro mhos/cm Max.2250 3.Sodium absorption Ratio (SAR) Max. 26 4.Boron Max. 2mg/l
	Below E	Not Meeting A, B, C, D & E Criteria

3. Effluent Disposal Standards

S.No.	Parameter	Standards for disposal of treated effluent in			
		Inland surface water	Public Sewer	Land for irrigation	Marine coastal areas
1.	2.	3.			
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Colour and odour	See Note-1	---	See Note-1	See Note-1
2.	Suspended Solids, mg/l, Max	100	600	200	(a) For process waste water-100 (b) For cooling water effluent-10 per cent above total suspended matter of influent cooling water.
3.	Particle size of suspended solids	Shall pass 850 micron IS Sieve	---	---	(a) Floatable solids, Max 3 mm (b) Settleable solids Max 850 microns.

26.	Residual sodium carbonate, mg/l, Max.	---	---	5.0	---
27.	Cyanide (as CN), mg/l, Max.	0.2	2.0	0.2	0.2
28.	Chloride (as Cl), mg/l, Max.	1000	1000	600	(a)
29.	Fluoride (as F), mg/l, Max.	2.0	15	---	15
30.	Dissolved Phosphates (as P), mg/l, Max.	5.0	---	---	---
31.	Sulphate (as SO ₄), mg/l, Max.	1000	1000	1000	---
32.	Sulphide (as S), mg/l, Max.	2.0	---	---	5.0
33.	Pesticides	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
34.	Phenolic compounds (as C ₆ H ₅ OH), mg/l, Max.	1.0	5.0	---	5.0
35.	Radioactive materials (a) Alpha emitters MC/ml, Max. (b) Beta emitters uc/ml, Max.	10 ⁻⁷ 10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁷ 10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁸ 10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁷ 10 ⁻⁶

4. National air quality standards

NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS (2009)

Pollutants (µg/m ³)	Time Weighted Average	Concentration in Ambient Air	
		Industrial, Residential, Rural and other Areas	Ecologically Sensitive Area (Notified by GOI)
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Annual *	50	20
	24 Hours **	80	80
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	Annual *	40	30
	24 Hours **	80	80
Particulate Matter, Size less than 10 µm (PM ₁₀)	Annual *	60	60
	24 Hours **	100	100
Particulate Matter, Size less than 2.5µm (PM _{2.5})	Annual *	40	40
	24 Hours **	60	60
Ozone (O ₃)	8 Hours *	100	100
	1 Hour **	180	180

5. Noise Standards

Land use and land cover		Noise level (dB[A])	
		Daytime	Nighttime
Roadside	Green space and residential area	65	55
	Commercial area	70	60
	Industrial area	75	70
Non-roadside	Residential area	55	40
	Commercial area	65	55
	Industrial area	70	65
	Green space	50	45

6. Others:

Substance	Permissible limits	
	New standards	Old standards
Cadmium and its compounds	0.1 mg/l	0.1 mg/l
Cyanide compounds	1 mg/l	1 mg/l
Organic phosphorous compounds (parathion, methylparathion, methyldemeton and EPN only)	1 mg/l	1 mg/l
Lead and its compounds	0.1 mg/l	1 mg/l
Sexivalent chrome compounds	0.5 mg/l	0.5 mg/l
Arsenic and its compounds	0.1 mg/l	0.5 mg/l
Total-mercury	0.005 mg/l	0.005 mg/l
Alkyl-mercury compounds	not detected	not detected
PCBs	0.003 mg/l	0.003 mg/l
Trichloroethylene	0.3 mg/l	0.3 mg/l
Tetrachloroethylene	0.1 mg/l	0.1 mg/l
Dichloromethane	0.2 mg/l	—
Carbon tetrachloride	0.02 mg/l	—
1,2-dichloroethane	0.04 mg/l	—
1,1-dichloroethylene	0.2 mg/l	—
cis-1,2-dichloroethylene	0.4 mg/l	—
1,1,1-trichloroethane	3 mg/l	—
1,1,2-trichloroethane	0.06 mg/l	—
1,3-dichloropropene	0.02 mg/l	—
Thiram	0.06 mg/l	—
Simazine	0.03 mg/l	—
Thiobencarb	0.2 mg/l	—
Benzene	0.1 mg/l	—
Selenium and its compounds	0.1 mg/l	—

7. Drinking water standards

Drinking Water Standards of US EPA Primary Standards MCL (maximum contaminant level)

Contaminant	Limit	Contaminant	Limit
• Total coliforms (av. Number/ 100 mL)	1	• 2,4_D	100
• Total coliforms (max number/ 100 mL)	5	• 2,4,5-TP	10
• Turbidity (ntu)	1-5	• Trihalonethanes	100
• Inorganic chemicals (mg/L)		• Benzene	0.05
• Arsenic	0.05	• Carbon tetrachloride	0.05
• Cadmium	1.0	• 1,2 Dichloroethane	0.05
• Chromium	0.01	• Trichloroethylene	0.05
• Fluoride	0.07-2.4	• Para-dichlorobenzene	0.75
• Lead	0.05	• 1,1 Dichloroethylene	0.07
• Mercury	0.002	• 1,1,1 Trichloroethane	2.0
• Nitrate (as N)	10.00	• Vinyl chloride	0.02
• Selenium	0.01		
• Silver	0.05	• Secondary Standards RCL (recommended contaminant level)	
• Radionuclides (pCi/L)		• Contaminant	Limit
• Gross alpha	15	• Chloride	250 mg/L
• Ra-226 + Ra-228	5	• Color	15 units
• Gross beta	50	• Copper	1 mg/L
• H-3	20,000	• Iron	0.3 mg/L
• Sr-90	8	• Manganese	0.05 mg/L
• Organic Chemicals (µg/L)		• Odor	3 TON
• Endrin	0.2	• pH	6.5-8.5
• Lindane	40	• Sulfate	250 mg/L
		• Total Dissolved Solids	500 mg/L
		• Zinc	5 mg/L

*Parameter	FEPA ^a Standards	WHO ^b Standards
pH	6-9	6.5-9.2
Total Hardness	-	300
Total Dissolved Solid	2000	500
Electrical conductivity	-	300 ^c
Total Coliform Count (100ml)	0	0
Sulphate	20	200
Sodium	-	200
Ammonium	0.01	1.5
Zinc	5.0	5.0
Iron	0.05	0.3
Lead	0.01	0.05
Cadmium	0.05	0.01

*All values in mg/L, except pH, EC (µS/cm) and Total coliform count (CFU/ml); ^a FEPA (1991), ^b WHO (1997), ^c WHO (2003).

8. Emission Standards

Emission standards for light commercial vehicles

European emission standards for **light commercial vehicles** ≤1305 kg (Category N₁-I), g/km

Tier	Date	CO	THC	NMHC	NO _x	HC+NO _x	PM	P
Diesel								
Euro 1	October 1994	2.72	-	-	-	0.97	0.14	-
Euro 2	January 1998	1.0	-	-	-	0.7	0.08	-
Euro 3	January 2000	0.64	-	-	0.50	0.56	0.05	-
Euro 4	January 2005	0.50	-	-	0.25	0.30	0.025	-
Euro 5	September 2009	0.500	-	-	0.180	0.230	0.005	-
Euro 6	September 2014	0.500	-	-	0.080	0.170	0.005	-
Petrol (Gasoline)								
Euro 1	October 1994	2.72	-	-	-	0.97	-	-
Euro 2	January 1998	2.2	-	-	-	0.5	-	-
Euro 3	January 2000	2.3	0.20	-	0.15	-	-	-
Euro 4	January 2005	1.0	0.10	-	0.08	-	-	-
Euro 5	September 2009	1.000	0.100	0.068	0.060	-	0.005*	-
Euro 6	September 2014	1.000	0.100	0.068	0.060	-	0.005*	-

* Applies only to vehicles with direct injection engines

Philippine Motor Vehicle Emission Standards By Year 2003

Tailpipe Emission Pollutants	Light Vehicles	Light Commercial Vehicles Category 1 <1250 kgs. Cat.2 bet. 1250 &1700 Category 3 >1700 kgs.	Heavy Duty Vehicles (g/KwHr.)
Carbon Monoxide- CO (g./Km.)	2.72	Category 1 = 2.72 Category 2 = 5.17 Category 3 = 6.90	4.5
Hydrocarbon + Nitrogen Oxides (g/km.)	0.97	Category 1 = 0.97 Category 2 = 1.40 Category 3 = 1.70	H.C. = 1.1 NO _x = 8.0
Particulate Matter –PM10 (g./km.)	0.14	Category 1 = 0.14 Category 2 = 0.19 (1) Category 3 = 0.25	0.36 (2)

Note(1) : PM10 emission limits for compression ignition engines only.

Note(2) : PM10 emission limits multiplied by coef. of 1.7 for engines 85 Kw or less.

9. Noise Standards

Area	Noise Limit, Leq, dB(A)	
	Day Time	Night Time
Silence zone	50	45
Residential area	55	45
Commercial area	65	55
Industrial area	75	65

Area	Category of area/ zone Day time	Limits in dB(A) Night time
Industrial area	75	70
Commercial area	65	55
Residential area	55	45
Silence zone	50	40