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Department of Water Resources, RD & GR
National Hydrology Project

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Dated: 19th May, 2020

To,

**The Nodal Officers,
All Implementing Agencies
National Hydrology Project**

Subject: Guidelines for Environment, Social, Health and Safety Management Strategies and Implementation Plans (ESHS-MSIP) for Construction Works under National Hydrology Project (NHP) and the Screening Checklist.

As you are aware that National Hydrology Project (NHP) is World Bank supported Project and as such the Government of India and the World Bank are committed towards following ESHS Management Strategies and Implementation Plans (ESHS-MSIP) and compliance to the applicable Laws/ Rules/ Regulations for protection of environment, public health and safety in respect of activities under NHP.

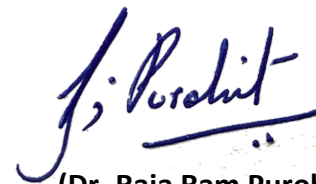
Under National Hydrology Project, provision of civil works such as construction of data centers, training centres, centre of excellence Water quality labs, renovation works etc are being undertaken in accordance with World Bank Procurement Guidelines January 2011, revised in July 2014. To ensure compliance with ESHS safeguards, training and capacity building measures with respect to ESHS-MSIP for Implementing Agencies have been undertaken since last year with the assistance of World Bank. During the course of training, it was gathered that Implementing Agencies require ESHS guidelines in concise form which are relevant for works under NHP.

Accordingly, **Guidelines for Environment, Social, Health and Safety Management Strategies and Implementation Plans (ESHS-MSIP) for Construction Works under National Hydrology Project (NHP)** have been prepared in consultation with the World Bank and the same have also been incorporated in the Model NCB 2E Bid Document for Procurement of Works (attached). In view of present Covid-19 pandemic, an annexure to aforesaid Guidelines, **'To Do' Protocols/Guidance for Construction Sites and Construction Workers in response to COVID-19** has also been appended for adherence by the prospective contractors. To assist the IAs in implementation of ESHS-MSIP, a screening checklist is also attached.

Since under NHP, the Works related procurement activities are under different stages of Implementation, the proposed action would be as follows:

- In case of fresh bids under preparation, in Works category, the proposed ESHS Guidelines with annexure have been incorporated in the attached document and accordingly this document is to be used.
- In case where bids have been floated, the ESHS-MSIP guidelines with annexure could be appended as an amendment to the bid document with the pre-bid MoM/ clarifications and if pre-bid has already taken place, an additional amendment can be issued.
- In case where contract has been awarded, the guidelines are communicated to the contractor through letter from the IA (Employer) for compliance under the existing provisions of the contract to the extent possible. In case compliance on a particular parameter is not possible under the existing contract, appropriate action to be taken by the IA separately.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: as above

Copy to:

1. Senior Joint Commissioner I/II/III, Director NHP.
2. Senior Procurement Expert and all Regional Procurement Experts *with the request to interact with the IAs for apprising them about the ESHS guidelines and actions expected from them in this regard.*

Copy for information to:

1. JS (IC &GW), DOWR, RD & GR, MoJS
2. Dr. Anju Gaur, TTL, World Bank
3. Ms. Charu Jain, Environmental Specialist, WB