

General Standards For Discharge Of Environmental Pollutants

Part – A: Effluents

Sl. No.	Parameter	Standards			
		Inland Surface water	Public Sewers	Land of irrigation	Marine/Costal areas
1.	Colour and odour	Of Annexure-1	--	See 6 of Annexure -1	See 6 of Annexure -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
3.	Particle size of suspended solids	Shall pass 850 micron IS Sieve	--		a. Floatable solids, solids max. 3 mm b. Settleable solids. Max 856 microns
4.	pH value	5.5 to 9.0	5.5 to 9.0	5.5 to 9.0	5.5 to 9.0
5.	Temperature	Shall not exceed 5°C above the receiving water temperature	--	--	Shall not exceed 5°C above the receiving water temperature
6.	Oil and grease, mg/l max.	10	20	10	20
7.	Total residual chlorine, mg/l max	1.0	--	--	1.0
8.	Ammonical nitrogen (as N), mg/l, max.	50	50	--	50
9.	Total nitrogen (as N), mg/l, max.	100	--	--	100
10.	Free ammonia (as NH ₃), mg/l, max	5.0	--	--	5.0
11.	Biochemical oxygen demand (3 days at 27°C), mg/l, max	30	350	100	100

12.	Chemical oxygen demand, mg/l, max	250	--	--	250
13.	Arsenic (as As) mg/l, max	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
14.	Mercury (as Hg), mg/l, max	0.01	0.01	--	0.01
15.	Lead (as Pb), mg/l, max	0.1	0.1	--	2.0
16.	Cadmium (as Cd), mg/l, max	2.0	1.0	--	2.0
17.	Hexavalent chromium (as Cr+6), mg/l, max	0.1	2.0	--	1.0
18.	Total chromium (as Cr), mg/l, max	2.0	2.0	--	2.0
19.	Copper (as Cu), mg/l, max	3.0	3.0	--	30
20.	Zinc (as Zn), mg/l, max	5.0	15	--	15
21.	Selenium (as Se), mg/l, max	0.05	0.05	--	0.05
22.	Nickel (as Ni), mg/l, max	3.0	3.0	--	50
23.	Cyanide (as CN), mg/l, max	0.2	2.0	0.2	0.2
24.	Fluoride (as F), mg/l, max	2.0	15	--	15
25.	Dissolved phosphates (as P), mg/l, max	5.0	--	--	--
26.	Sulphide (as S), mg/l, max	2.0	--	--	5.0
27.	Phenolic compounds (as C ₆ H ₅ OH), mg/l, max	1.0	5.0	--	5.0
28.	Radioactive materials				
	a. α emitters micro cure mg/l, max	10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁸	10 ⁻⁷
	β emitters micro cure mg/l, max	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁶

29.	Bio-assay test	90 % survival of fish after 96 hours in 100 % effluent	90 % survival of fish after 96 hours in 100 % effluent	90 % survival of fish after 96 hours in 100 % effluent	90 % survival of fish after 96 hours in 100 % effluent
30.	Manganese (as Mn)	2 mg/l	2 mg/l	2 mg/l	2 mg/l
31.	Iron (as Fe)	3 mg/l	3 mg/l	3 mg/l	3 mg/l
32.	Vanadium (as V)	0.2 mg/l	0.2 mg/l	--	0.2 mg/l
33.	Nitrate Nitrogen	10 mg/l	--	--	20 mg/l

* These standards shall be applicable for industries, operations or processes other than those industries. Operations or process for which standards have been specified in Schedule of the Environment Protection Rules 1989.