Royal Commission Environmental Regulations-2015

RCER-2015, Volume I, Regulations and Standards

**SECTION - 1**

**Environmental Regulatory System**

This section covers all the general regulations stating the policies to control the environment of industrial city from potential adverse impacts from industrial activities.

**1.1 General Regulations**

1.1.1 The Royal Commission Environmental Regulations-2015 (RCER-2015) supersede the Royal Commission Environmental Regulations-2010 with effective date of 1st September, 2015 (17th Dhu’al Qidah, 1436).

1.1.2 The effective date of these regulations for all new, modified, reconstructed and existing facilities is 1st September, 2015 (17th Dhu’al Qidah, 1436) unless otherwise stated in specific sections of these regulations or an exemption has been granted in accordance with Clause 1.1.6.

1.1.3 The Royal Commission requires all operators of industrial facilities located in Jubail Industrial City, Yanbu Industrial City and Ras Al Khair Industrial City, hereinafter referred to as "the Industrial City", to operate their facilities in accordance with the environmental regulations of the Royal Commission.

1.1.4 The operator of a facility shall take all reasonable steps to minimize releases to the environment and shall carry out such measures as are reasonable to prevent adverse impacts to public health and the environment.

1.1.5 The operators of all facilities are obligated to be knowledgeable of the Environmental

Regulations applicable to their facilities.

1.1.6 The operator of an existing facility may apply to the Royal Commission for an exemption to any specific regulation or standard for which their current facilities or operations are non-compliant. In this case, the following procedures shall apply:

a) The operator shall submit all claims for exemption in writing to the Royal Commission. The operator shall provide a separate justification for each regulation or standard subject to a claim. To be considered by the Royal Commission, the operator must demonstrate that, based on conditions unique and peculiar to the facility's situation, compliance will impose a substantial financial, technological, or safety burden on the facility.

b) The operator shall provide the Royal Commission with a compliance plan, which shows how and when compliance with the subject regulation or standard will be achieved in the future.

c) The Royal Commission shall assess the application and the compliance plan.

The Royal Commission shall issue its decision to accept or reject each exemption claim following consultation with the operator. The decision shall stipulate the period during which an accepted exemption is valid.

d) The Royal Commission shall exempt the affected facility from the regulations and standards covered by the application for the period between the date of receipt of the exemption application and the date of the Royal Commission decision regarding the application.

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