

# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD

## NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the \_\_\_\_\_2020

F. No. \_\_\_\_\_ - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (19 of 2006), the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Regulations, 2010, namely;

### 1. Short title and Commencement.

(1) These regulations may be called the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Amendment Regulations, 2020.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

### 2. In Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory ((Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Regulations, 2010,

(1) In regulation 24.0; the words starting with “After reporting of the incidents...” and ending with “.....normalization of the situation” shall be numbered as sub-regulation 24.1 and thereafter the following sub-regulations shall be inserted, namely:

“24.2 *All major incidents shall be investigated by the entity through an enquiry committee comprising experts not directly associated with the incident to identify the lapses/ shortcomings, establish the causes of failure, suggest remedial measures to prevent the recurrence of such incident, fix responsibility etc. and submit the report of the committee to the Board within 30 days of the incident.;*

24.3 *Following major incidents shall also be investigated by an enquiry committee constituted by the Board.*

*a. Explosion / blast.*

*b. Fires involving fatality or major fires.*

*c. Pipeline leakages in petroleum, petroleum product or natural gas pipelines as decided by the Board.*

*d. Any other incident as decided by the Board.;*

*24.4 Terms of reference for the enquiry committee shall include:*

- a. identify the lapses / shortcomings;*
- b. establish the root cause (s) of failure;*
- c. suggest improvements / remedial measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents;*
- d. fix responsibility.*

*24.5 The enquiry committee shall submit the preliminary report within a week and final report to the Board within 30 days of constitution.;*

*24.6 The entity shall take necessary measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents, identify the responsible persons for failure as per the assigned roles and responsibilities and forward the action taken report on the report of the enquiry committee duly vetted by the Board of Directors of the entity to the Board.”*

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**Footnote:** Principal regulations were notified *vide* G.S.R. 39(E), dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 and subsequently amended *vide* F. No. L-MISC/VI/1/2007, dated 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015.

