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The Central Pollution Control Board has decided to repeal the withdrawal of the Interim policy of Rule 9 of the Hazardous and other waste Management Rules 2016 within 48 hours of Gujarat industries raising concern about the impact of the decision.

The Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI), through a letter to union minister of environment & forest Bhupendra Yadav, GCCCI stated that withdrawal of the interim policy was discouraging for the industries as getting the approval of Standard operating procedure (SOP) for different categories of waste is a lengthy and time-consuming process that can take up to three years.

Pathik Patwari, VP of GCCCI, said that the principle followed by various industries is that one industry's waste is another's raw material. The total withdrawal of the interim policy will assist the enterprises to function smoothly till the time they get their SOP approved by the CPCB will prove to be a significant threat to industrial activities in Gujarat. The Gujrat government has also put forth are concerns before the central government, and because of this, the CPCB has withdrawn its notification



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