GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

No.2007/RS(S)/709/10

New Delhi, dated 09.12.2013

The Controller of Stores,
All Indian Railways & PU’s.

Sub:  i) Implementation of Batteries (Management & Handling) Rules and
      ii) Hazardous Waste (Management Handling and Transboundary Movement)
          Rules.

Ref:  i) Board’s letter No.2007/RS(S)/709/10-Oil dated 17.07.2007 and
      ii) Board’s letter No.2007/RS(S)/709/10 dated 07.02.2012.

Vide letters referred above, Board have advised Railways/PU’s to implement
Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules and Hazardous Waste Rules while dealing its
disposal as per prevalent notifications of Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Recently, audit in its provisional findings on the subject “Environment Management
in Indian Railways” have pointed out non-observance/incomplete observance of Batteries
Management Rules and Hazardous Waste Rules by Railway Units. It has been specifically
pointed out that there was lack of statutory compliance with regard to maintenance of
records and submission of returns to State Pollution Control Board on handling and disposal
of Batteries/Hazardous Waste. Non-compliance of statutory obligations of submission of
returns to State Pollution Control Board by some of the Railways has been seen as
inadequate pollution control monitoring measures by Indian Railways.

All Railways/PU’s are hereby advised to strictly observe the said rules while dealing
with disposal of Batteries/Hazardous Waste, including statutory compliance of submission
of returns to SPCBs. Headquarters officers while inspecting field units may also cover the
aspect of compliance of filing necessary returns to SPCBs.

Railways/PU’s to confirm compliance of the same latest by 31st of December, 2013.

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