

UPPCB cuts red tape, allows units to produce oxygen after online plea

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LUCKNOW: Considering adequate supply of oxygen in the shortest possible time as top priority under prevailing health emergency situation, the [Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board](#) (UPPCB) has decided to allow units to produce oxygen for medical purpose even if the permission is pending with the authority.

The decision was taken on Saturday evening after which the [official order](#) was released with the signatures of member secretary Ashish Tiwari and chief environment officer Amit Chandra.

According to the order, a copy of which is in possession of TOI, UPPCB has decided that any new or existing industrial unit may set up [oxygen manufacturing plant](#) or undertake modification or capacity enhancement in the existing unit, by filing an application on Nivesh Mitra portal (www.niveshmitra.up.nic.in) and start manufacturing oxygen by duly complying with the standards of emission and effluent as prescribed under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act.

Following the order, IFFCO's unit in Aonla, Bareilly, which is engaged in production of 16.5 tons per day (TPD) nitrogen, has started working to upgrade its facility to produce 130 cubic metre oxygen per hour.