

## S408 BMPs for Dust Control at Manufacturing Areas

Note: Contact the local air quality authority for appropriate and required BMPs for dust control to implement at your project site. See the following website to determine the air quality authority for the project site:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Our-role-in-the-community/Partnerships-committees/Clean-air-agencies>

**Description of Pollutant Sources:** Industrial material handling activities can generate considerable amounts of dust that is typically removed using exhaust systems. Mixing cement and concrete products and handling powdered materials can also generate dust. Particulate materials that can cause air pollution include grain dust, sawdust, coal, gravel, crushed rock, cement, and boiler fly ash. Air emissions can contaminate stormwater. The objective of this BMP is to reduce the stormwater pollutants caused by dust generation and control.

**Pollutant Control Approach:** Prevent dust generation and emissions where feasible, regularly clean-up dust that can contaminate stormwater, and convey dust contaminated stormwater to proper treatment.

### Applicable BMPs:

- Clean, as needed, powder material handling equipment and vehicles.
- Regularly sweep dust accumulation areas that can contaminate stormwater. Conduct sweeping using vacuum filter equipment to minimize dust generation and to ensure optimal dust removal.
- Use dust filtration/collection systems such as baghouse filters, cyclone separators, etc. to control vented dust emissions that could contaminate stormwater. Control of zinc dusts in rubber production is one example.
- Maintain on-site controls to prevent vehicle track-out.
- Maintain dust collection devices on a regular basis.

### Recommended BMPs:

- In manufacturing operations, train employees to handle powders carefully to prevent generation of dust.
- Use water spray to flush dust accumulations to sanitary sewers where allowed by the local sewer authority or to other appropriate treatment system.
- Use approved dust suppressants such as those listed in *Methods for Dust Control* ([Ecology, 2016b](#)). Application of some products may not be appropriate in close proximity to receiving waters or conveyances close to receiving waters. For more information, check with Ecology or the local jurisdiction.

## **Recommended Treatment BMPs**

Install sedimentation basins, wetponds, wetvaults, catch basin filters, vegetated filter strips, or equivalent sediment removal BMPs.

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