

# **Fugitive Dust Fact Sheet**

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**Hawaii Administrative-Rules, Section 11-60.1-33, Fugitive Dust-states**, in part:

**11-60.1-33(a): No person shall cause or permit visible fugitive dust to become airborne without taking reasonable precautions.**

**11-60.1-33(b): ...no person shall cause or permit the discharge of visible fugitive dust beyond the property lot line on which the fugitive dust originates.**

**11-60.1-33(c): ...no person shall cause or permit visible fugitive dust emissions equal to or in excess of twenty percent opacity for more than twenty-four individual readings recorded during any one-hour period...**

Failure to comply with the fugitive dust requirements may result in civil and administrative fines of not more than \$25,000 per day per violation. An air permit for a facility may contain additional or more stringent fugitive dust requirements.

## **Examples of Reasonable Precautions**

The following examples are NOT REQUIREMENTS and are intended for informational purposes only. The examples below are common precautions used for various activities that may generate visible fugitive dust and are not meant to be exclusive nor comprehensive.

Reasonable precautions to control fugitive dust are determined on a case-by-case basis. The site topography and surroundings, soil conditions, meteorological conditions, site activities, site equipment, and types of material processed must be considered. The use of any or all of the example measures does not automatically mean compliance with the fugitive dust requirements.

The owner, project manager or operator should assess the project activities and conditions daily and make adjustments so that reasonable precautions are taken to prevent fugitive dust from becoming airborne and crossing the property line. Generally, dry and windy conditions will require more control measures than rainy and calm periods.

## **General Measures**

- Design, develop and implement a dust control plan.
- Use water or suitable chemical compounds in the demolition of existing structures, construction operations, and grading or clearing of land.
- Apply water, dust suppressants, or suitable compounds on roads and material stockpiles.
- Pave ingress and egress points to the site.
- Establish and monitor speed limits for onsite vehicles.
- Cover all moving, open-bodied trucks transporting dusty materials.
- Install and use enclosures, screens, hoods, vacuums, and filters to control the handling, sanding or finishing of dusty materials.
- Use trash chutes to direct waste downwards to the ground from upper levels
- Clean up material spills as soon as possible.
- Promptly remove soil or other “carry out” materials from roads adjacent to the site.
- Install dust screens or wind barriers around construction site.
- Where practical, provide a buffer zone between fugitive dust activities and residential areas.

### **Agricultural Activities**

- Keep fallow land to a minimum.
- Use cover crops to minimize exposed soil.
- Limit vehicular speed during plowing activities and while traveling onsite.

### **Crushing and Screening Activities**

- Pre-wet material.
- Monitor crusher's visible dust emissions.
- Apply water to crushed material.
- Apply water at material transfer points.
- Stabilize material immediately after screening.
- Drop material through the screen slowly and minimize drop height.
- Install wind barrier upwind of screen.

### **Earth-moving Activities**

- Pre-apply and re-apply water as necessary to maintain soils in a damp condition.
- Limit the amount of exposed areas through planning and timing of project phases.
- Cover temporarily exposed areas with mulch.

### **Stockpiles**

- Stabilize stockpile materials.
- Keep stockpiles wet or damp as needed
- Cover stockpile when not in use. Use mulch or synthetic cover based on usage of stockpile.
- Keep drop or pile height as low as possible.
- Install wind barriers
- Add or remove material from downwind portion of stockpile
- Maintain storage piles to avoid steep sides or faces.

### **Trucking**

- Provide water while loading and unloading to prevent fugitive dust.
- Maintain at least six inches of freeboard on haul vehicles. Level the height of load.
- Limit vehicular speed while traveling onsite.
- Cover your load while travelling.
- Install a gravel pad and grizzly at exit.
- Reduce carry out with a tire wash or spray system.

For questions regarding the fugitive dust rules, please contact the Clean Air Branch at 808-586-4200 or [cab@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:cab@doh.hawaii.gov).