

DUST CONTROL GUIDELINES FOR SWEEPING OPERATIONS

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Under AMC 15.35.090D., the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall publish guidelines requiring the reasonable control of particulate or dust emissions. These guidelines pertain to the sweeping or cleaning of roadways, parking lots, sidewalks and similar facilities.

1. Street sweeping equipment, such as vacuum trucks, must be equipped with an effective baghouse or other filtering devices. The use of sweeping equipment with air pollution control devices that are in disrepair is prohibited.
2. Mechanical devices without filtering equipment may be used only when wet sweeping methods are effectively employed.
3. The use of leaf blowers and other similar equipment for sweeping is prohibited.
4. Manual broom sweeping is allowed
5. Reasonable measures must be employed to prevent dust from becoming airborne during any operation where particulate matter is handled, transported or stored.

15.35.090 Stationary source emissions--Fugitive emissions.

A. No person shall cause, allow or permit particulate matter to be handled, transported or stored without taking reasonable measures to prevent the particulate matter from becoming airborne.

B. Within the boundaries of the municipality no person shall cause, allow or permit a building or its appurtenances or a road to be constructed, altered, repaired or demolished without taking reasonable measures to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne.

C. Within the boundaries of the municipality no person shall cause, allow or permit untreated open areas, including but not limited to roads, parking lots or construction sites located within a private or public lot or roadway, to be improved, graded, excavated, repaired, demolished, altered or constructed without taking reasonable measures to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne.

D. The director shall publish guidelines he determines to be reasonable measures for controlling fugitive emissions, and compliance with such guidelines to the satisfaction of the director shall be deemed to fulfill the requirements of subsections A through C.

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