

Environmental Alert

Dust Nuisance

WHAT HAPPENED?

Ongoing dry weather has led to an increase in regulator contacts and complaints. We have recently had several Notices served on the Company for the failure to manage dust effectively.

Developments not managing dust effectively could possibly face enforcement action; such as closure of the site, limitations on site activities and or improvements to operational practices.



ACTION TO TAKE

Construction & Commercial teams should ensure that suitable arrangements / equipment are provided on site to control activities which may give rise to dust.

Activities likely to give rise to dust

- Earthworks / exposed soils
- Storage of bulk materials (soils, aggregates etc.)
- Vehicle movements

Steps to take

- Review current practices for all sites in respect of dust controls
- Ensure that all sites have adequate provision for damping down / controlling activities such as those listed above
- Ensure that the **Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)** for site is being followed

Sites should ensure that:

- All surfaces are regularly dampened down; this may include roads, haul routes, soil stockpiles, bulk materials, exposed soils from earthworks etc.
- Bulk materials are stored away from site boundaries
- Soil stockpiles are either covered, seeded or dampened down regularly
- Roads are scraped and cleaned regularly
- Vehicles are covered / sheeted
- Speed limits are reduced
- Any observations, complaints or regulator contacts are reported

Sites must ensure monitoring is undertaken, where necessary – for advice on this please speak with your GHS&EA.



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