# PHILADELPHIA REGULATION FOR CONTROL OF DUST FROM CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES

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# New Requirements for Construction and Demolition Activities

- Notification
- Work Practices
- Permitting

# Notification - When Required

- Required at least 10 days before commencing construction or demolition activities.
- As soon as possible if it is to correct unsafe conditions as determined by L&I.
- List of Exemptions.
  - Based on L&I exemptions.

## Notification - Who Gets It

- Building/Structure is less than 2 stories:
  - Occupants of properties adjacent to the work site.
- Building/Structure is 2 stories or greater:
  - Occupants of the following:
    - 3 nearest properties on either side.
    - 7 nearest properties across the street.
    - 7 nearest properties to the rear.
- Notification must be retained on site.

#### Notification – Contents

- Owner and Operator
- Contractors
- Date(s) and Duration
- Dust Control Measures
- Health Dept. Contact Information

## Work Practice Standards

- Grinders/Saws/Other Power Tools need one of the following:
  - Dust Collection/Extraction Systems; or
  - Adequately wetted materials or surfaces, weather permitting (ex. above freezing).

## Work Practice Standards

- Outdoor Dry Abrasive Blasting:
  - Prohibited when above freezing.
  - Permitted when below freezing only when there is a temporary enclosure with negative pressure that vents to a duct collection/extraction system.

#### **Work Practice Standards**

- Debris adequately wetted and covered for storage or transfer.
- Roadways on the site adequately wetted and swept.
- Sufficient drainage for water.
- Can request Alternative Methods.

## **Dust Control Permits**

- Required prior to completely demolishing a building or structure greater than:
  - 3 stories;
  - 40 feet tall; or
  - 10,000 square feet.
- Required prior to an implosion.

# **Dust Control Permit Application**

- Special Form
- ▶ \$430 application fee.
- Submit early.
  - At least 30 days in advance, if possible.

# **Implosions**

- Additional requirements.
  - Air monitoring.
  - Clean-up plan.
  - Dust Control Permit Application at least 90 days in advance.

## Information

Enforcement: 215-685-7580

Permitting: 215–685–7572

► E-mail: <u>DPHAMS\_Service\_Requests@phila.gov</u>

# Information

Website:

http://www.phila.gov/health/airmanagement
/index.html

- Regulation: Air Management Regulation II, Section IX (under Codes, Regulations, and Guidelines)
- Permit Application: Dust Control Permit Application for Demolition (under Air Permitting Forms)