

## **Bradbury Stamm Construction – Safety Directive**

**Safety Directive # 019-04**

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### **DUST CONTROL (CONTROL OF VISIBLE FUGITIVE PARTICLES)**

This safety directive applies to all construction performed within Bernalillo County NM.

#### **Introduction**

Bernalillo County has adopted a strict ordinance to aid in the control of visible fugitive particles, known as dust, emanating from construction sites within the county. The ordinance is part of the New Mexico Administrative Codes (NMAC) and can be found under NMAC 20.11.20. The Bernalillo Air Quality Bureau responds to complaint calls when dust is observed blowing off construction sites and their investigation of complaints can lead to expensive fines against contractors. Since General Contractors are responsible for the operations on their jobsites, they are the entities that will receive citations and fines. In addition to the expense of paying fines, citations affect the General Contractor's reputation in the community. It takes years to repair a poor reputation.

\*Be Certain ALL required permits are in place prior to beginning earth moving.

#### **Policy**

All Bradbury Stamm Construction Superintendents, Foremen, and Equipment Operators are directed to take the following measures if wind conditions are such that blowing dust may ensue:

1. Begin dust control immediately by watering down all disturbed soil on the jobsite.
2. Other operations may have to be delayed until watering operations have been completed.
3. Operators and/or Foremen will begin watering operations without being told by the Superintendent under these conditions.
4. Failure to water down disturbed soil under windy conditions is subject to a write-up per the Bradbury Stamm Construction Safety Passport™ program.

For more information about NMAC 20.11.20 contact the BSC Government Liaison at (505) 577-7930.