VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 14-236A  
SUBJECT: National Emphasis Program – Combustible Dust (Reissued)  

A. Purpose.  

This directive transmits to field personnel policies and procedures for inspecting workplaces that create or handle combustible dusts. In some circumstances these dusts may cause a deflagration, other fires, or an explosion. These dusts include, but are not limited to:

- metal dust, such as aluminum and magnesium;
- wood dust;
- coal and other carbon dusts;
- plastic dust and additives;
- biosolids;
- other organic dust such as sugar, flour, paper, soap, and dried blood; and
- certain textile materials.

This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

B. Scope.  

This directive applies to all VOSH personnel.

C. Reference.  

OSHA Instruction CPL 03-00-008 (March 11, 2008).

D. Cancellation.  

E. **Action.**

Directors and Managers shall ensure that the policies and procedures established in this Directive are followed.

F. **Effective Date.**

April 1, 2008.

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Commissioner

Attachment: OSHA Instruction CPL 03-00-006 (October 18, 2007).


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When the guidelines, as set forth in this Program Directive, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms if, and where they are used, shall be considered to read as below:

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Field Inspection Reference Manual (FIRM)

CPL 02-00-111 [CPL 2.111], Citation Policy for Paperwork and Written Program Requirement Violations (11/27/95)

STD 01-05-019 [STD 1-7.3], 29 CFR 1910.147, Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout)--Standard (9/11/90)


CPL 02-01-038, Enforcement of the Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Standard (6/18/03)

**VOSH Program Directives:**

VOSH Field Operations Manual (FOM)

VOSH Program Directive 01-009A, Citation Policy for Paperwork and Written Program Requirement Violation, CPL 02-00-111 (10/15/07)

VOSH Program Directive 02-211A, Control of Hazardous Energy Sources (Lockout/Tagout) Standard (6/15/91)
