

# **Dust Control Policy**

# 1. VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

# 1a. Pre-Approval

It is required that each vendor who wishes to perform dust control work within the right of way in Guthrie County, first be pre-approved by the Guthrie County Secondary Road Department.

# 1b. Materials

Vendors shall certify that all materials used for dust control are free and clear of toxic materials affecting the environment, the public and livestock. A listing of ingredients shall be submitted stating the composition and percentage of each ingredient in the mixture. Certification shall state that the mixture meets or exceeds applicable DNR and EPA regulations. The following materials are approved for use as dust control:

Lignin Sulfonate (tree sap) Calcium Chloride (preferred) Magnesium Chloride

## 1c. Liability

All commercial applicator parties requesting a permit for dust control shall submit a certificate of insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 aggregated to Guthrie County by name insured.

## 1d. Application and Marking of Dust Control Area

Each location treated for dust shall be marked at the start and finish with a 5" x 8" colored plastic flag 36" tall from the ground supplied by the vendor, available at the Guthrie County Road Department office. Flags shall be placed on the outside shoulder edge on both sides of the road, at the extreme limits of the application, prior to **May 13, 2025**. If there are multiple areas for dust control, flags need to be placed every 600'. Dust control may begin no sooner than **May 22, 2025** unless special and unique arrangements are made with Guthrie County. Upon receipt of the listing of applicants, Guthrie County will endeavor to blade and smooth all areas and add surfacing as needed prior to placement of the vendor dust control materials.

# 2. PERMITTING PROCESS & PROCEDURES

# 2a. Annual Permit Application

All persons desiring dust control services in Guthrie County shall apply for a dust control permit through a pre-approved contractor by **May 1st**. Permit applications received after **May 1st** shall be considered late applications. Dust control permit forms will be available from the pre-approved contractors. Applicants are

required to provide all information requested on the permit form and return it to the contractor accompanied by the permit fee. The contractor will then forward the permit application and fee to the Guthrie County Secondary Road Department for review and approval.

#### 2b. Permit Fee Schedule

Annual Permit received before May 1st - \$50 Annual Permit received after May 1st (late application) - \$100

## 2c. Dust Control Application

Permits received before May 1st will have dust control applied the last 2 weeks in May and again in early-August. This schedule is designed to allow the secondary road crews adequate time to prepare the roadbed to the proper crown and grade by blading the road, and if necessary, adding rock. Residents should be aware that the dust control area may be bladed prior to the second treatment if deemed necessary by the secondary road department. Residents should also be aware that applications of dust control on hills, curves, or near intersections may experience washboards and potholes more frequently than other locations.

Locations where a second dust control application is NOT chosen will be bladed on a regular basis after August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 2d. Obligations of Applicant

It is the obligation of the applicant to keep all of the flags up, marking the limits of the dust control area, for the entire season. Any dust control location that develops pot holes or a rough surface during this time frame shall be bladed by the county as needed. All dust control locations shall be routinely bladed after October 15<sup>th</sup>. Service to the traveling public takes precedence over individual dust control areas.

#### 2e. Obligation of County

It is the Guthrie County Secondary Road Department's responsibility to maintain the road system in Guthrie County. If a dust control section should become rough or potholed, the County will do corrective blading to repair the rough areas without compensation to the resident for damage to the dust control surface. The County may, at any time it deems, add rock, blade the road, replace a culvert or perform other road maintenance activities. All efforts will be made to preserve the treated area, but if the County Secondary Road Department deems the roadwork essential, the work shall be completed. In October, the County will prepare the dust control areas for winter which may include scarifying, blading and rocking; this does not apply to areas with seal coat treatments unless the area needs repairs and the applicant is not going to make them.

Adopted this 200 day of January, 2015 by the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors

Maggi Unushu Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Guthrie County Auditor