

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Dust Control Policy

Policy No: 2021-06

The purpose of this Policy is to establish criteria and procedures for application of dust control chemicals on aggregate surfaced roadways under the jurisdiction of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

It can be difficult to justify the use of any product for dust control alone; however, the added benefit of a stabilized surface that controls the loss of “fines” through dust control is a great economic benefit. When the “fines” are lost from a gravel surface, the stone and sand-sized particles that remain will tend to remain loose on the surface leading to distress pocketing, like wash-boarding, etc. In addition, roadways that do not receive proper dust control will:

- Become very hard to maintain requiring extra blading, shaping, patching or other repairs which increases maintenance costs borne by the Van Buren County Road Commission; and,
- Increase intervals between the need to resurface and/or add new gravel.

Requests for Dust Control

1. All requests for dust control shall be made through the Van Buren County Road Commission.
2. Townships may choose to fund a dust control program by signing a Program Sheet stating the selected contractor from the list of bidders approved by the Road Commission, the number of applications they wish to receive over the season, including bag chloride, if offered by the Township to its residents. The Road Commission grades the gravel roads prior to the application and supervises the dustlayer application process at no cost to the townships.
3. No “spot” applications of dust control will be permitted.
4. The application must be a “continuous” application over all aggregate surfaces in the Township certified by the Van Buren County Road Commission.
5. Should individuals want to apply bag chloride to further control the dust in front of their property, the property owner must receive an Authorization Slip from the township in which they reside allowing them to schedule an appointment to pick up the bag chloride at the Road Commission’s Administrative Office in Lawrence.

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