

1 **Fugitive Dust Mitigation Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill addresses provisions related to fugitive dust mitigation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ imposes an aggregate compliance fee on an aggregate operation;
- ▶ requires a fugitive dust facility to post informational signage that is clearly visible to the public;

▶ requires the Division of Air Quality (division) to send written notice to a fugitive dust facility not in compliance with a fugitive dust control plan or other state and federal law;

▶ allows the division to require a fugitive dust facility not in compliance with a fugitive dust control plan to:

- provide a corrective action report and monitoring data; and
- submit to increased inspections;
- ▶ provides that the division may reduce the frequency of inspections for a fugitive dust facility with a history of compliance;
- ▶ provides that a fugitive dust facility may use on-site wastewater for fugitive dust control if approved by the division and the state engineer; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****AMENDS:**

**19-1-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 14

**ENACTS:**

31       **19-2-130**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

32       **19-2a-108**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33       REPEALS:

34       **19-2a-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 120

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36       *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

37           Section 1. Section **19-1-105** is amended to read:

38           **19-1-105 . Divisions of department -- Control by division directors.**

39       (1) The following divisions are created within the department:

40           (a) the Division of Air Quality, to administer:

41              (i) Chapter 2, Air Conservation Act; and

42              (ii) Chapter 2a, Air Quality - Special Provisions;

43           (b) the Division of Drinking Water, to administer Chapter 4, Safe Drinking Water Act;

44           (c) the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, to administer:

45              (i) Chapter 6, Part 3, Hazardous Substances Mitigation Act; and

46              (ii) Chapter 6, Part 4, Petroleum Storage Tank Act;

47           (d) the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, to administer:

48              (i) Chapter 3, Radiation Control Act;

49              (ii) Chapter 6, Part 1, Solid and Hazardous Waste Act;

50              (iii) Chapter 6, Part 2, Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Act;

51              (iv) Chapter 6, Part 5, Solid Waste Management Act;

52              (v) Chapter 6, Part 6, Lead Acid Battery Disposal;

53              (vi) Chapter 6, Part 7, Used Oil Management Act;

54              (vii) Chapter 6, Part 8, Waste Tire Recycling Act;

55              (viii) Chapter 6, Part 10, Mercury Switch Removal Act;

56              (ix) Chapter 6, Part 11, Industrial Byproduct Reuse; and

57              (x) Chapter 6, Part 12, Disposal of Electronic Waste Program; and

58           (e) the Division of Water Quality, to administer Chapter 5, Water Quality Act.

59       (2) Each division is under the immediate direction and control of a division director  
60           appointed by the executive director.

61       (3)(a) A division director shall possess the administrative skills and training necessary to  
62           perform the duties of division director.

63       (b) A division director shall hold one of the following degrees from an accredited  
64           college or university:

- (i) a four-year degree in physical or biological science or engineering;
- (ii) a related degree; or
- (iii) a degree in law.

(4) The executive director may remove a division director at will.

(5) A division director shall serve as the executive secretary to the policymaking board, created in Section 19-1-106, that has rulemaking authority over the division director's division.

Section 2. Section **19-2-130** is enacted to read:

## 19-2-130 . Aggregate compliance fee -- Rulemaking.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Aggregate" means rock material, including sand, gravel, stone, and other rock material that is majority nonmetallic minerals.
- (b) "Aggregate operation" means a facility or site:
  - (i) engaged in a commercial production to extract, crush, screen, grind, store, or transport aggregate; and
  - (ii) subject to a permitting requirement under Section 19-2-108.
- (c) "Board" means the Air Quality Board created in Section 19-2-103.

(2)(a) Beginning on July 1, 2027, there is imposed on an owner or operator of an aggregate operation an annual aggregate compliance fee.

(b) The aggregate compliance fee is based on annual air pollutant emissions, in an amount of:

- (i) for 20 or less tons of annual emissions, \$750;
- (ii) for between 20 and 79 tons of annual emissions, \$1,500;
- (iii) for between 79 and 99 tons of annual emissions, \$3,500; and
- (iv) for 99 or more tons of annual emissions, \$4,500.

(3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board may make rules to implement the fee described in this section.

Section 3. Section **19-2a-108** is enacted to read:

**19-2a-108 . Fugitive dust facility requirements -- Signage -- Water reuse.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Division" means the Division of Air Quality created in Section 19-1-105.
- (b) "Fugitive dust" means particulate matter that becomes airborne from the mechanical disturbance or wind-blown disturbance of a material or surface.
- (c) "Fugitive dust control plan" means a plan that:

99 (i) indicates the methods a fugitive dust facility uses to control and monitor fugitive  
100 dust; and

101 (ii) is required by the division.

102 (d)(i) "Fugitive dust facility" means a commercial facility or site:

103 (A) larger than a quarter acre;

104 (B) that produces fugitive dust; and

105 (C) that the division requires to complete a fugitive dust control plan.

106 (ii) "Fugitive dust facility" includes:

107 (A) an aggregate operation that extracts, crushes, screens, grinds, stores, or  
108 transports rock material, including sand, gravel, stone, and other rock material;

109 (B) an excavation site, including an excavation activity like trenching, grading,  
110 drilling, or earthmoving; and

111 (C) a site for topsoil or bulk material handling, including stripping, loading,  
112 unloading, moving, or spreading soil, fill, or another bulk material.

113 (iii) "Fugitive dust facility" does not include:

114 (A) an agricultural or horticultural operation; and

115 (B) the sanding or salting of a roadway for snow and ice control.

116 (e) "Fugitive dust logbook" means a written record of a fugitive dust facility's  
117 monitoring, inspections, maintenance, and corrective actions, as required by a  
118 fugitive dust control plan.

119 (2) A fugitive dust facility shall post informational signage:

120 (a) at an entryway to the fugitive dust facility that is clearly visible to the public; and

121 (b) that includes the following information:

122 (i) the name of the facility or site;

123 (ii) a permit identification number;

124 (iii) a business identification number;

125 (iv) the contact information for:

126 (A) the facility manager or owner; and

127 (B) the division.

128 (3) A fugitive dust facility may not operate without a fugitive dust control plan approved by  
129 the division.

130 (4)(a) If the division determines that a fugitive dust facility is not in compliance with a  
131 fugitive dust control plan or relevant state and federal law, the division shall:

132 (i) send a written notice of noncompliance to the fugitive dust facility; and

133 (ii) inform the fugitive dust facility that the division may require the fugitive dust  
134 facility to:  
135 (A) provide the information described in Subsection (4)(b); and  
136 (B) submit to inspections by the division of up to three times per week for a  
137 six-week period.

138 (b) The division may require a fugitive dust facility not in compliance with a fugitive  
139 dust control plan to submit to the division:  
140 (i) a corrective action report that includes an action the fugitive dust facility takes to  
141 comply with a fugitive dust control plan;  
142 (ii) a fugitive dust logbook, for a period of time determined by the division; and  
143 (iii) any other information required by the division.

144 (c) The division may modify a fugitive dust facility's inspection schedule to at least one  
145 inspection every 18 months, if the fugitive dust facility:  
146 (i) is subject to an annual inspection by the division; and  
147 (ii) receives no written notice of noncompliance, described in Subsection (4)(a), in a  
148 three-year period.

149 (5) A fugitive dust facility may use wastewater for fugitive dust control if the wastewater:  
150 (a) is generated by the fugitive dust facility on site; and  
151 (b) is approved for use:  
152 (i) by the division in a fugitive dust control plan; and  
153 (ii) by the state engineer, created in Section 73-2-1, under a water right application, if  
154 necessary.

155 **Section 4. Repealer.**  
156 This bill repeals:  
157 **Section 19-2a-101, Title.**  
158 **Section 5. Effective Date.**  
159 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.