

EmP05 – Emission of Dust, Mud or Litter Off-Site

What needs to be done?

The following actions need to be taken when dust, mud or litter escapes from the site:

1. Reports of such an emission may be made formally or in passing comment by many sources including:
 - Employees/contractors
 - Drivers of delivery/collection vehicles
 - Neighbours
 - Passers-by
 - Regulatory bodies.
2. In all cases, such reports must be taken seriously, even if from a regular plaintiff, and should be reported to the site management immediately
3. Upon receipt of a report of an emission, a supervisor/manager should undertake an inspection of the affected area to identify the extent of the emission, if possible its source, and what resources are required to ensure the incident is dealt with efficiently
4. If necessary, cease any activities which have caused, or may cause further, emissions (including loading sand/dusty materials, or tipping lightweight wastes on the landfill, in windy conditions)
5. If appropriate, additional preventative measures may need to be employed (such as increasing the dust suppression applied in dry and windy conditions)
6. All litter, mud or debris deposited on the public highway should be immediately cleared. Any wind-blown litter will be cleared from outside the site boundaries before the end of each working day
7. The external appearance of the site and the immediate surroundings should be regularly inspected for further emissions throughout the working day, whilst conditions continue to allow such potential
8. All personnel are responsible for reporting any dust, mud or litter being deposited beyond the site boundary, at all times. Such observations should be reported to the site management immediately
9. When practicable, the incident must be formally investigated, recorded and reported using the appropriate forms, including circulation to the relevant authorities.

Telephone numbers:

Responsible manager:

Managing director:

Environment Agency:



Associated documentation

Forms

- EF03 – Internal Communication
- EF15 – Incident Investigation

