

Virginia Occupational Safety & Health**VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 14-236B****ISSUED: January 10, 2024****SUBJECT: Revised Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program****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, magnesium and some forms of iron dust;
- wood dust.
- coal and other carbon dusts, including carbon black;
- plastic dust, phenolic resins, and additives;
- rubber dust;
- biosolids;
- other organic dust such, 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 (January 30, 2023).

D. Cancellation.

VOSH Program Directive 12-236A (April 1, 2008).

E. Action.

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

F. Effective Date. January 10, 2024

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Commissioner

Attachment: OSHA Instruction CPL 03-00-008 (January 30, 2023).

[Directive CPL 03-00-008, Revised Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program \(osha.gov\)](https://www.osha.gov)

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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:

Federal Terms

VOSH Equivalent

29 CFR

VOSH Standard

Regional Administrator

Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Area Director

Region Director

Regional Solicitor

Attorney General or VOSH
Office of Legal Support (OLS)

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Office of Statistics

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OSHA Directives:

VOSH Program Directives:

Field Inspection Reference Manual (FIRM)

VOSH Field Operations Manual (FOM)

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

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

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

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

CPL 02-01-004, Inspection of Grain Handling
Facilities, 29 CFR 1910.272 (11/8/96)

VOSH Program Directive 02-206A, Inspection
of Grain Handling Facilities, 1910.272
(11/15/98)

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

VOSH Program Directive 02-226A, Guidelines
for Power Generation, Transmission, and
Distribution Standard, 1910.269
(2/15/04)