



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

**COMBUSTIBLE DUST-PRODUCING OPERATIONS  
PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

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Appendix Chapter 1, section 105.6.6 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states that permits required by the Fire Code shall be obtained from the fire code official. An operational permit is required to operate a grain elevator, flour starch mill, feed mill, or a plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices or sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined in Chapter 2.

**COMBUSTIBLE DUST.** Finely divided solid material which is 420 microns or less in diameter and which, when dispersed in air in the proper proportions, could be ignited by a flame, spark or other source of ignition. Combustible dust will pass through a U.S. No. 40 standard sieve.

**Sources of ignition.** Smoking or the use of heating or other devices employing an open flame, or the use of spark producing equipment is prohibited in areas where combustible dust is generated, stored, manufactured, processed or handled.

**Housekeeping.** Accumulation of combustible dust shall be kept to a minimum in the interior of buildings. Accumulated combustible dust shall be collected by vacuum cleaning or other means that will not place combustible dust into suspension in air. Forced air or similar methods shall not be used to remove dust from surfaces.

**Standards.** The fire code official is authorized to enforce applicable provisions of the codes and standards listed in Table 1304.1 to prevent and control dust explosions.

**Separators.** Approved magnetic or pneumatic separators shall be installed ahead of shellers, crackers, crushers, grinding machines, pulverizers and similar machines in which the entrance of foreign materials could cause sparks to be generated.

**1304.3 Dust collection.** Suitable dust-collecting equipment shall be installed on all dust-producing machinery and interlocked with the machinery power supply so that the machinery cannot be operated without the dust-collection equipment also operating.

**Electrical grounding.** Artificial lighting in areas containing dust-producing or dust-agitating operations shall be by electricity with wiring and electrical equipment installed in accordance with Title 27 of the *Los Angeles County Code*. Machinery and metal parts of crushing, drying, pulverizing and conveying systems shall be electrically grounded in accordance with Title 27 of the *Los Angeles County Code*. Static electricity shall be removed from machinery and other component parts by permanent grounds or bonds or both. The design and installation of such grounds shall be in accordance with approved standards.

Additional  
Requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
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