




Maricopa County

Air Quality Department

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Air Quality Department staff
From: Lawrence Odle, Director 
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20. January 2010 Rain Storm

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20.1 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This policy is effective January 22, 2010.

20.2 GENERAL PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to department staff on the handling of erosion, track-out, and Rule 310.01 inspections during and after the January 2010 rain storm.

20.3 BACKGROUND:

The series of storms that occurred between 19 and 23 January 2010 were of a significant destructive nature that the governor of the state, Jan Brewer, declared a state of emergency. Saturated soils from these series of storms will reduce the risk of PM₁₀ generation by either metrological or anthropomorphic sources, but will increase the likelihood of erosion and track-out onto paved areas accessible to the public. It is expected that government agencies will be occupied with emergencies throughout Maricopa County and will respond to roadway cleaning as soon as practicable. It is also expected that companies engaged in dust generating activities will refrain from activities or will take more prudent measures to stop the generation of track-out until the soils are no longer saturated. Current meteorological predictions do not include any conditions that are conducive to causing increased particulate matter or ozone levels through 30 January 2010.

20.4 STAFF GUIDANCE

a. No notice of violation or notice to comply will be issued for erosion (Rule 310.01§302.9) to city, town, county, or state agencies until after 30 January 2010.

b. No notice of violation will be issued for track-out where a company has instituted prudent measures for control until 30 January 2010. A notice to comply may be issued in circumstances where the track-out exceeds 100 feet in cumulative length.

c. No proactive Rule 310.01 inspections will be conducted until the week of 30 January 2010.

20.5 QUESTIONS:

Questions concerning implementation of the policy are to be directed through division managers to the Office of the Director.