

CHAPTER 22

COMBUSTIBLE DUST-PRODUCING OPERATIONS

SECTION 2201 GENERAL

2201.1 Scope. The equipment, processes and operations involving dust explosion hazards shall comply with the provisions of this chapter.

Exception: Equipment or machinery located inside buildings that emit dust but are used on an intermittent basis, including, but not limited to, model shops, research and development facilities, hobby, and other nonproduction uses, shall be provided with a local, point of use dust collection system. The dust collector can be a portable type with high efficiency filters to allow exhaust air to be discharged back into the space. Such collectors are not required to be provided with an approved explosion-control system. Such systems shall be limited to no more than 1,500 cfm.

2201.2 Permits. Permits shall be required for *combustible dust*-producing operations as set forth in Section 105.6.

SECTION 2202 DEFINITION

2202.1 Definition. The following term is defined in Chapter 2:
COMBUSTIBLE DUST.

SECTION 2203 PRECAUTIONS

2203.1 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.

2203.2 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.

SECTION 2204 EXPLOSION PROTECTION

2204.1 Standards. The *fire code official* is authorized to enforce applicable provisions of the codes and standards listed in Table 2204.1 to prevent and control dust explosions.

**TABLE 2204.1
EXPLOSION PROTECTION STANDARDS**

STANDARD	SUBJECT
NFPA 61	Agricultural and Food Products
NFPA 69	Explosion Prevention
NFPA 70	National Electrical Code
NFPA 85	Boiler and Combustion System Hazards
NFPA 120	Coal Preparation Plants
NFPA 484	Combustible Metals
NFPA 654	Manufacturing, Processing and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids
NFPA 655	Prevention of Sulfur Fires and Explosions
NFPA 664	Prevention of Fires and Explosions in Wood Processing and Woodworking Facilities

