Right Sizing Combustible Particulate Management while meeting NFPA 652 requirements

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3M Environment, Health, and Safety
Fundamentals
What is Combustible Solid Particulate?

- **Combustible Solid Particulate:** Any solid material composed of distinct particles or pieces, regardless of size, shape or chemical composition, that when processed, stored, or handled in the facility has the potential to produce a combustible dust. (NFPA 652, 2016)

- **Combustible Dust:** A finely divided combustible particulate solid that presents a flash fire hazard or explosion hazard when suspended in air or the process-specific oxidizing medium over a range of concentrations. (NFPA 654, 2013)
Hazards of Combustible Dust
Importance of Surface Area and Particle Size

The smaller the particle size the easier it is to ignite.
NFPA Requirements
NFPA 652

- Basic principles managing fire and explosion hazards of combustible dust and particulate solids.
- Provides minimum requirements
- Directs user to industry or commodity specific requirements
Industry and Commodity Specific Requirements

- NFPA 652
  - NFPA 654
  - NFPA 664
  - NFPA 484
  - NFPA 61
Key Components of NFPA 652

• Hazard Identification - *determining combustibility and explosibility*

• Dust Hazard Analysis (DHA)


• Hazard Management: Mitigation and Prevention
3M Process
3M Process

- 3M Screening Tool
- Dust property information

- Internal DHA Workbook
- Internal Training

- Engineering
- Internal Standards

- Guidance and Expectations
- Tools and Templates

Screening

DHA

Mitigation and Prevention

Management Systems
Screening Tool Steps

Material Properties
- Identify particulate use (raw, intermediate or generated)
- Determine combustibility (SDS, UN Test, Vendor sheets, Industry data or 3M SharePoint)

Process Methods
- Air Material Separator (Baghouse, Dust Collector, Cyclone)
- Conveying, Grinding and/or an Enclosure
- No Enclosure

Manage Hazards
- DHA Full
- DHA Lite
- DHA Mini
Material Evaluation Tools

• Testing Guidance Document
• Testing Request System
• Internal Test Data Repository
# DHA Requirements

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<td><strong>EHS with knowledge of combustible solid particulates</strong></td>
<td>Trained Facilitator (In process – DHA Lite Facilitator)</td>
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<td><strong>Combustible Particulate Screening Tool (worksheet)</strong></td>
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Example of DHA Checklists

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<td>1</td>
<td>Auger / Screw Conveyor</td>
<td>A screw conveyor consists of an auger or screw that is used to move granular powder material along a trough by the rotation of the auger.</td>
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<td>Belt Conveyor</td>
<td>A belt conveyor consists of a flexible belt that travels over a set of rollers configured to form a continuous trough to hold and carry the material from the tail or loading section to and over the head pulley.</td>
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<td>Bucket Elevator</td>
<td>A bucket elevator is a vertical conveyor used for lifting solid material by means of buckets attached to a belt that picks up material at the boot of the elevator and using the belt with the attached buckets travels around the tail pulley in the boot or input section and discharges the material after it passes over the head pulley at the top of the elevator.</td>
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<td>Flexible Connections (i.e., boots, hoses, etc.)</td>
<td>Flexible boots, hose, or sleeves connect vibrating equipment to fixed equipment to isolate vibration. May also be used to transport material from a hopper, bin, etc.</td>
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<td>Fluidized Bed Conveyor</td>
<td>Fluidized air conveyors use low-pressure compressed air that is diffused through a canvas membrane and lets the powder particles flow down a slight incline to a discharge point.</td>
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For every ‘yes’ result, that specific equipment checklist appears; copy for multiple pieces of equipment.
# Other DHA Elements

## Node Index

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<td>Review of changes made to the process described in the Description &amp; Scope page since the last revalidation.</td>
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<td>Incident Review</td>
<td>Review of internal and external incidents that have occurred at similar processes.</td>
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<td>Solids &amp; Housekeeping Checklists</td>
<td>Review of the unique characteristics and the safety/health concerns of a particulate solid, or family of particulate solids, used in the process.</td>
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<td>Siting and General Issues</td>
<td>Review on-site and off-site consequences as well as general maintenance and utility issues that could impact the process.</td>
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<td>Human Factors</td>
<td>Review human factors that could contribute to a consequence of concern for the entire process covered by this PHA Workbook.</td>
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Management Systems

• EHS Management System: Combustible Particulate Solids Element

• Internal website for our facility to access tools and examples for these expectations

Operating Procedures
Housekeeping
Hot Work
PPE
Training
Contractors
Emergency Planning
Incident Investigation
MOC
Mitigation and Prevention

- Engineering Group
- Internal Design Standards
Questions?
Thank You