

## HYBRID MEETING AGENDA

### Agricultural Best Management Practices Committee

March 2, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. MST

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#### In-Person:

Arizona Rock Products Association  
916 W Adams St # 1, Phoenix, AZ 85007

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. Introduction of Committee Members and Roll Call - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
  - A. Review and approve April 10, 2025 meeting minutes - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
- III. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
- IV. HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF THE WEST PINAL COUNTY PM-10 NONATTAINMENT AREA - *Matt Poppen, Maricopa Association of Governments Director of Environmental Planning*
- V. AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION
  - A. Pre-BMP notice - identifying which BMPs will be selected for the year - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
  - B. Post-BMP notice - indicating which BMPs were actually implemented - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
  - C. Direct submission of BMP forms to the Department with the name and mailing address of the commercial farmer, location of the commercial farm, signature, and BMP information - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
  - D. Review and discuss possible amendments to the Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-2-610.03 Agricultural PM General Permit for Crop Operations; Pinal County PM Nonattainment Area - *Steven Burr, ADEQ*
  - E. Future meeting - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
  - F. Committee vacancies - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
- VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
  - A. This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Committee may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and discuss the decision at a later date. - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
  - B. Two-minute limit per speaker. - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*
- VII. ADJOURNMENT - *Paul Ollerton, AgBMP Committee Chair*

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## **R18-2-610.03. Agricultural PM General Permit for Crop Operations; Pinal County PM Nonattainment Area**

- A.** On the day before and during the day that is forecast to be high risk for dust generation by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast, a commercial farmer shall ensure implementation of best management practices as described in subsections (B)(1)(b), (B)(2)(b), (B)(3)(b), (B)(4)(b), and (B)(5)(b).
- B.** On all days, a commercial farmer shall implement at least two best management practices from each category to reduce PM emissions, as described in subsections (1)(a), (2)(a), (3)(a), (4)(a), (5)(a), and (6). If a commercial farmer implements the Conservation tillage or Reduced tillage system best management practice for the tillage category, they do not have to implement a best management practice from the subsections (2)(a), (2)(b), (5)(a) and (5)(b).

### 1. Tillage:

- a. A commercial farmer shall implement at least two of the following:
  - i. Combining tractor operations,
  - ii. Equipment modification,
  - iii. Multi-year crop,
  - iv. Cessation of night tilling,
  - v. Planting based on soil moisture,
  - vi. Precision farming,
  - vii. Tillage based on soil moisture,
  - viii. Timing of a tillage operation,
  - ix. Transgenic crops,
  - x. Transplanting,
  - xi. Reduced tillage system, or
  - xii. Conservation tillage.
- b. Unless choosing limited tillage activity (subsection iv, below), on the day before and during the day that is forecast to be high risk for dust generation by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast, a commercial farmer shall ensure implementation of at least one of the following:
  - i. Multi-year crop,
  - ii. Planting based on soil moisture,
  - iii. Tillage based on soil moisture,
  - iv. Limited tillage activity,
  - v. Reduced tillage system, or
  - vi. Conservation tillage.

### 2. Ground Operations and Harvest:

- a. A commercial farmer shall implement at least two of the following:
  - i. Combining tractor operations,

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- ii. Equipment modification,
  - iii. Chemical irrigation,
  - iv. Green chop,
  - v. Integrated pest management,
  - vi. Multi-year crop,
  - vii. Precision farming,
  - viii. Reduced harvest activity,
  - ix. Transgenic crops, or
  - x. Shuttle System/Larger Carrier.
- b. Unless choosing limited harvest activity in subsection (iv), on the day before and during the day that is forecast to be high risk for dust generation by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast, a commercial farmer shall ensure implementation of at least one of the following:
- i. Green chop,
  - ii. Integrated pest management,
  - iii. Multi-year crop, or
  - iv. Limited harvest activity.
3. Noncropland:
- a. A commercial farmer shall implement at least two of the following best management practices:
- i. Access restriction,
  - ii. Aggregate cover,
  - iii. Wind barrier,
  - iv. Critical area planting,
  - v. Organic material cover,
  - vi. Reduce vehicle speed,
  - vii. Synthetic particulate suppressant, or
  - viii. Watering.
- b. Unless choosing watering on a high risk day in subsection (vi), on the day before and during a day forecast to be high risk for dust generation by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast, on a noncropland area that experiences more than 20 VDT from two or more axle vehicles, commercial farmer shall ensure implementation of at least one of the following best management practices:
- i. Aggregate cover,
  - ii. Wind barrier,
  - iii. Critical area planting,
  - iv. Organic material cover,
  - v. Synthetic particulate suppressant, or
  - vi. Watering on a high risk day.

- c. On each day that traffic accounts for 50 or more vehicle daily trips, or 20 or more vehicle daily trips with three or more axels, within an unpaved vehicle or equipment traffic area, the opacity of emissions shall be limited to no more than 20% measured according to 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, Reference Method 9.
4. Commercial farm roads:
- a. A commercial farmer shall implement at least two of the following best management practices:
    - i. Access restriction,
    - ii. Reduce vehicle speed,
    - iii. Track-out control system,
    - iv. Aggregate cover,
    - v. Synthetic particulate suppressant,
    - vi. Watering, or,
    - vii. Organic material cover.
  - b. Unless choosing watering on a high risk day in subsection (vi), on the day before and during a day forecast to be high risk for dust generation by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast, on a road that experiences more than 20 VDT from two or more axle vehicles, a commercial farmer shall ensure implementation of at least one of the following best management practices:
    - i. Aggregate cover,
    - ii. Synthetic particulate suppressant,
    - iii. Wind barrier,
    - iv. Organic material cover,
    - v. Roads are stabilized as determined by the silt content test method,
    - vi. Watering on a high risk day.
5. Cropland:
- a. A commercial farmer shall implement at least two of the following best management practices, one from subsections (i) through (vii), and one from subsections (viii) through (xi), to reduce PM emissions from cropland:
    - i. Wind barrier,
    - ii. Cover crop,
    - iii. Cross-wind ridges,
    - iv. Chips/mulches,
    - v. Sequential cropping,
    - vi. Residue management,
    - vii. Surface roughening,
    - viii. Multi-year crop,
    - ix. Permanent cover, or

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- x. Stabilization of soil prior to plant emergence.
- b. On the day before and during the day that is forecast to be high risk for dust generation by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast, a commercial farmer shall ensure implementation of at least one of the following:
  - i. Wind barrier,
  - ii. Cover crop,
  - iii. Cross-wind ridges,
  - iv. Chips/mulches,
  - v. Surface roughening,
  - vi. Multi-year crop,
  - vii. Permanent cover,
  - viii. Stabilization of soil prior to plant emergence, or
  - ix. Residue management.

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6. Significant Agricultural Earth Moving Activities:

- a. Apply water prior to conducting Significant Agricultural Earth Moving Activities and/or time Significant Agricultural Earth Moving Activities to coincide with precipitation. Soil must have a minimum soil moisture content of 50% of field capacity. Compliance shall be determined by NRCS Estimating Soil Moisture by Feel and Appearance Method, amended through April 1998 (and no future editions);
- b. Apply water during Significant Agricultural Earth Moving Activities. Soil must have a minimum soil moisture content of 30% of field capacity. Compliance shall be determined by NRCS Estimating Soil Moisture by Feel and Appearance Method, amended through April 1998 (and no future editions);
- c. Limit activities on a day identified by the Maricopa or Pinal County Dust Control Forecast to be high risk for dust generation; or
- d. Conduct Significant Agricultural Earth Moving Activities in a manner to reduce a minimum of one ground operation across a commercial farm by using equipment that is the most efficient means of moving the soil.

C. ~~From and after December 31, 2015, a~~ A commercial farmer who engages in a regulated agricultural activity shall complete and submit to the Department a Best Management Practices Program General Permit Record Form provided by the Department demonstrating compliance with this ~~rule~~ Section. Thereafter, a new Best Management Practices Program General Permit Record Form shall be completed and submitted to the Department every year by March 31. ~~The Form shall be provided to the Director within two business days of notice to the commercial farmer.~~ The Best Management Practice Program General Permit Record Form shall include at a minimum the following information:

- 1. The name and mailing address of the commercial farmer responsible for compliance at the commercial farm, signature, and date signed.

2. ~~The mailing-street address or description of the physical address location of the commercial farm; and~~
3. ~~The following information for each best management practice selected for tillage, ground operations and harvest, cropland, noncropland, commercial farm roads, and significant earth moving activities (if applicable); and~~
4. ~~Any additional best management practices selected for high risk days as predicted by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast.~~
3. The best management practices selected by the commercial farmer for the coming year for tillage; ground operations and harvest; noncropland and commercial farm roads; cropland; and significant earth moving activities in order to comply with subsection B;
4. Identification of the area or crop subject to each best management practice selected; and
5. Certification that the best management practices selected for the current crop year were implemented in accordance with the prior year's BMP selection form and any revisions adopted pursuant to subsection or identification of any times and locations where the selected best management practices were not implemented.

~~D. Beginning in calendar year 2017, and no more than once every subsequent three calendar years, the Director, in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Agriculture, shall provide the commercial farmer with a Best Management Practices Program Three year Survey. The commercial farmer shall complete the Survey with data from the preceding calendar year and submit the Survey to the Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) by January 31, 2018, and every three years thereafter. The Survey information submitted to the ADA shall be compiled by the ADA without reference to a commercial farmer's name, shall aggregate the data from the Surveys received, and be submitted to the Department. The Three year Survey shall include the following information:~~

1. ~~The name, business address, and phone number of the commercial farmer responsible for the preparation and implementation of the best management practices;~~
2. ~~The signature of the commercial farmer and the date the form was signed;~~
3. ~~The acreage of each crop type planted/growing during the calendar year that the survey is conducted;~~
4. ~~The total miles of commercial farm roads at the commercial farm;~~
5. ~~The total acreage of the noncropland at the commercial farm;~~
6. ~~The best management practices selected for tillage, ground operations and harvest, cropland, noncropland, commercial farm roads, and significant earth moving activities (if applicable); and~~
7. ~~Any additional best management practices selected for high risk days as predicted by the Pinal County Dust Control Forecast.~~

**ED.** ~~Records of any changes to the Best Management Practices shall be noted on the Best Management Practices Program General Permit Record Form and shall be kept by the commercial farmer onsite and made available for review by the Director within two business days of notice to the commercial farmer.~~

- FE.** A person may develop different practices to control PM emissions not contained in subsections (B)(1) through (B)(6) and may submit such practices that are proven effective through on-farm demonstration trials to the Committee.
- GF.** A commercial farmer shall maintain a record demonstrating compliance with this Section for three years. Records shall include a copy of the complete Best Management Practice Program General Permit Record Form and other records reasonably necessary to confirm implementation of each best management practice. Records maintained under this subsection and subsection (D) shall be made available immediately on request during and inspection or within two business day of receipt of a written request from the Department.
- HG.** The Director shall not assess a fee to a commercial farmer for coverage under the agricultural PM general permit.
- IH.** A commercial farmer shall ensure that the implementation of all selected best management practices does not violate any other local, state, or federal law.
- JL.** The Director shall document noncompliance with this Section before issuing a compliance order.
- KJ.** A commercial farmer who is not in compliance with this Section is subject to the provisions in A.R.S. § 49-457(J), (K), and (L).

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