***About***

This cheat sheet was created by DustEx Research Ltd. ([www.DustSafetyScience.com](http://www.DustSafetyScience.com)) to provide an easy format for people to respond to the CSB call to action. Please fill out the sections below as desired and save as a .pdf document.

To submit email the document to [combustibledust@csb.gov](mailto:combustibledust@csb.gov) or to [chris@dustsafetyscience.com](mailto:chris@dustsafetyscience.com) (these responses will be forwarded without the original email or name attached).

Responding to the call to action is not meant to be a time-intensive process. Any information you can provide whether it is a 5-minute quick response [see description below] or 30 minutes allowing each focus question to be covered, will provide invaluable insight to the project.

Responses are not limited to North America or any particular industry – all responses are welcome.

***Instructions***

The Call to Action Cheat Sheet is broken into three sections:

Part 1 – Respondent Information

Part 2 – Quick Answer Section

Part 3 – Call to Action Focus Questions

Anonymous submissions can be made by filling out only the non-identifying information in Part 1 and submitting to [chris@dustsafetyscience.com](mailto:chris@dustsafetyscience.com). However, we encourage respondents to include contact information to be included in future focus groups or other phases of the project as they are developed.

As mentioned above, the responses can be in “Quick Answer” format (filling out Part 2) or include answers to some or all of the Focus Questions (Part 3).

Thank you for your contribution to the Call to Action and the work you are doing to increase safety in industries handling, transporting and/or producing combustible dust.

***Part 1 – Respondent Information***

**Section 1: Non-Identifying Respondent Information**

**Industry:** [Enter Here…]

**Role:** [Enter Here…]

**Location/Geography:** [Enter Here…]

**Section 2: Identifying Respondent Information**

The CSB has indicated that they may create focus groups on different areas around combustible dust safety after this project. If you would like the opportunity to provide more information at a later date please provide your contact information in this section.

**Name:** [Enter Here…]

**Company/Title:** [Enter Here…]

**Telephone:** [Enter Here…]

**Email:** [Enter Here…]

***Part 2 – Quick Answer Section***

Use this page to enter your general thoughts on the current status of combustible dust safety in North America and abroad, on the call to action, on any questions the CSB may have missed, or any observations from your work handling powdered or dusty materials.

[Enter Here…]

***Part 3 – Call to Action Focus Questions***

Please provide your answers to the Call to Action Focus Questions below.

**Question#1 - In real-world working conditions, where dust is an inherent aspect of the operation, can a workplace be both dusty and safe?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #2 - In such working environments — where the amount of ambient/fugitive dust cannot be wholly eliminated 100 percent of the time — how does an individual or organization distinguish between an acceptable or safe dust level and one that has been exceeded? How often does judgment or experience play a role in such decisions? Should it?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #3 - How are hazards associated with combustible dust communicated and taught to workers? What systems have organizations successfully used to help their employees recognize and address dust hazards?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #4 - What are some of the challenges you face when implementing industry guidance or standards pertaining to dust control/management?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #5 - If companies/facilities need to use separate or different approaches in order to comply with both sanitation standards for product quality or food safety and those associated with dust explosion prevention, then how do you determine what takes priority? Is the guidance clear?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #6 - How should the effectiveness of housekeeping be measured? What methods work best (e.g., cleaning methods, staffing, schedules)?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #7 - As equipment is used and ages, it requires mechanical integrity to maintain safe and efficient operability. How does inspection, maintenance, and overall mechanical integrity efforts play a role in dust accumulations, and how are organizations minimizing such contributions in the workplace?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #8 - What are some of the challenges to maintaining effective dust collection systems?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #9 - How common are dust fires in the workplace that do not result in an explosion? Does this create a false sense of security?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #10 - Are workers empowered to report issues when they feel something needs to change with regard to dust accumulation? What processes are in place to make these concerns known?**

[Enter Here…]

**Question #11 - How can combustible dust operators, industry standard organizations, and regulators better share information to prevent future incidents?**

[Enter Here…]