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Background:

The risks to health from ballast dust, and in particular the silica content of such dust, are well recognised within the industry.

As part of Colas Rail's ongoing commitment to managing risks to health and wellbeing we are committed to making sure that all people working on our sites are aware of the risks and the nature of the appropriate controls.

From 1st March 2015, Colas Rail expected everyone on their worksites involved in work within a dusty environment, to meet the following requirements, regardless of employer.

Activities classed as 'within a dusty environment' includes all P-way, On-Track Plant and on Track Machine related activities, including COSS and Machine Controller.

Anyone required to work in a dust environment who doesn't meet the above criteria will be Close-Called and risk being restricted from carrying out work associated work.

Actions Required

- Staff are assessed for any pre-existing health conditions that would prevent them from working in a dusty environment
- Face fit tested to UVEX FFP3
- In possession of evidence of UVEX FFP3 training

Source: Colas Rail