Ballast Dust

When ballast is disturbed it creates fine particles of dust. Breathing in this dust at high concentrations over long periods of time isn’t good for your health.
Control Measures

- If you are not working directly with the ballast then **move clear** of that area.
- If you work with Ballast, always wear the **appropriate RPE** provided.
- Check and make sure RPE to be used is in **good working condition**.
- Keep the RPE clean and **replace where necessary**.
- If you have a beard or facial hair, make sure **you have a good seal** between your skin and RPE.
- If you are **unable to create or maintain a good seal between your face and RPE**, report it to the person in charge.
- If you are in a machine cab **keep the door and windows closed**.
- If the dust is excessive in the working area, stop working and **invoke the work safe procedure**.
- If you are **in charge** of the work instruct those who don’t need to be there to **move clear**.

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