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A recent check on the operation of unloading bags of silica flour from freight cars showed that two men are raising considerable dust. In my opinion this is a health hazard which should be avoided.

The contents of several broken bags usually are found on the floor of the car. Why I suggest that this silica flour should be cleaned up is evidently so that the men cannot walk through it and so create more dust. Possibly the vacuum cleaner in the Fertilite department could be used to advantage here.

If any dust is raised, I believe that the men should wear respirators. I realize that the men will complain about it as this task they are avoid this nuisance and protect their health if they maintain good housekeeping in the cars and handle the bags more carefully. The bags should be placed on the pallets, not thrown or allowed to drop.

I propose to have some dust counts taken in this area when the investment can return next time.

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