

# Firm, county settle dust complaint

## Construction company agrees to pay Maricopa \$75,000

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Maricopa County environmental regulators on Tuesday announced they have reached a \$75,000 dust pollution settlement with a Scottsdale-based construction company.

A.R. Mays agreed to pay the Maricopa County Air Quality Department the settlement — the highest such settlement the county has ever collected for dust pollution, said Holly Ward, spokeswoman for the department.

A spokesperson for A.R.

Mays could not be reached for comment.

Ward said the commercial construction company violated the county's air pollution rules 25 times between 2004 and 2005 at several construction sites.

Ward said the construction company failed to adequately control dust at its construction sites.

The violations occurred at seven locations throughout the Valley, one of which was in Scottsdale at 15005 N. North-sight Blvd., according to a news release from the county.

Scottsdale spokesman Pat Dodds said he was unaware of the violations.

Dodds said he was unaware if the city was involved in any sort of enforcement action against the company for the alleged dust control violation here.

The other violations took place at the intersection of Litchfield & Bell Roads, Kyrene Road and Elliot Road, Warner Road and Priest Drive, Galvin Peak Parkway and Interstate 17, Civic Center Drive and Warner Road, and 74th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, the release stated.

Ward said no injuries or illness were ever reported as a result of the alleged dust

exposure.

Ward said the county became aware of the violations through routine inspections and from complaints the county received.

A.R. Mays was founded in February 1986 and counts among its projects 11 new multimillion construction projects and one renovation project in the Valley, according to the company's Web site.

The company's nationally known clients include Albertsons, Best Buy, HomePlace, Safeway, Office Depot, Borders Books and Staples, according to the company's Web site.

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