



# SAFETY FEEDBACK NOTICE

## DRIVING IN REDUCED VISIBILITY



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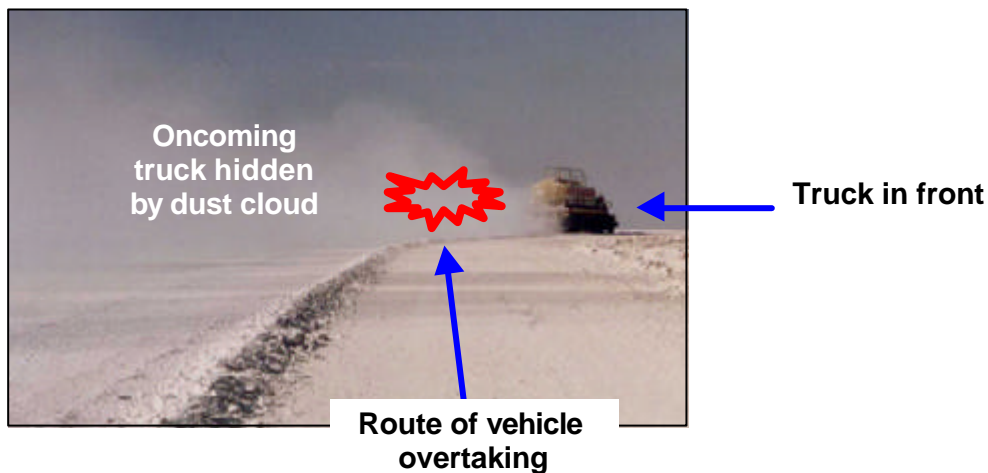
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### Introduction

A driving accident suffered by another Operator resulted in the death of two young men and bad injuries to four others. The vehicle the people were travelling in was behind a truck on a dusty road. The truck caused a dust cloud which reduced visibility very much. When attempting to overtake the truck the vehicle hit another oncoming truck that could not be seen because of the dust cloud.



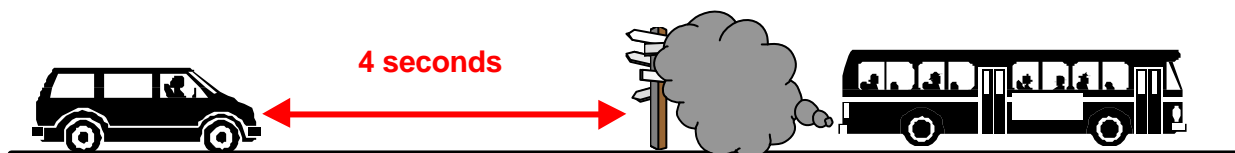
The "Dust Code" presents the lessons learned from this accident. It applies equally to all Total affiliates where such conditions can occur. It could also be applied to other cases where there is restricted visibility - bad smoke from a vehicle exhaust, desert mirages etc.

### The Dust Code

The Dust Code is:

When you are **behind** a vehicle that is making a dust cloud

- ◆ NEVER overtake into a dust cloud.
- ◆ NEVER drive into the dust cloud - stay back.
- ◆ Stay at least 4 SECONDS behind the cloud. Select a fixed point on the side of the road, as the dust cloud passes it start counting slowly to 4 - 1 second, 2 seconds, 3 seconds, 4 seconds.



When an **oncoming** vehicle is making a dust cloud:

- ◆ SLOW DOWN.
- ◆ If there is a SAFETY SHOULDER on the road, MOVE OVER onto it and DRIVE SLOWLY.
- ◆ STOP only if you cannot see or become disoriented. Remember there may be someone BEHIND you.
- ◆ Move back onto the road when it is clear.