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Calcium to control dusty roads

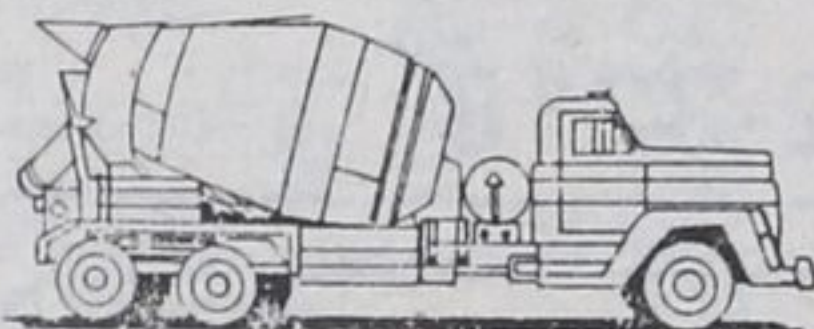
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When they are dry they end up, not on the road, but in the air as dust. Calcium chloride attracts moisture from the air, even in conditions of low relative humidity. This moisture keeps the road surface moist and compact and together.

"Once the calcium chloride has a chance to set, it should leave the road as solid as if were just paved," says Larry Postill. "On the stabilized section, it should go the whole summer without another application needed. Generally, two applications are made on roads when dust control is the only goal - one in the Spring of 4 to 5 tons per mile and another in the early Fall of 2 to 3 tons per mile. With today's application on the dust control sections of 6 tons to the mile, Fred is hoping to make the one application last for the entire season."

According to Postill, stabilizing with calcium chloride is a way of turning bad roads into good roads without spending an exorbitant amount of the taxpayers' dollars. He's confident that this test section of road will prove that.

As far as Robert Drury is concerned, anything that saves money without sacrificing service is fine by him. He is the Reeve of Oro Township and one of the people who makes the decisions about how much is spent on roads in the area.



"In Oro, we spend about \$80,000 a year on dust control alone," he says. "If we get over 500 cars a day on a road, we look seriously at reconstructing the road and paving it. If we get only 50 cars a day on a road, then we aren't going to pave it, just control the dust."

Dust control is a high priority in Oro Township, especially now that the Ministry of the Environment has put some pressure on municipalities to stop using recycled oil because of the danger from PCB contamination.

For Larry Postill, calcium chloride is a proven dust control and road stabilization agent and the test in Oro Township is a way to prove his case. Fred Haughton is looking for a way to continue the level of service Oro residents are used to. And for Robert Drury calcium chloride may be a way to save the taxpayer money without breaking the township's roads budget.

One thing is for sure. They will

all be watching the trial stretch of Sideroad No. 5 very carefully over the summer.

Partial List of those attending the Oro Township Demo:

Fred Haughton, Road Supervisor, Oro Township.
Robert Drury, Reeve, Oro Township.
Bill Newman, Mara Township.
W. Young and H. Squibb, Innisville Township.
M. Bowles, West Gwillimbury Township.

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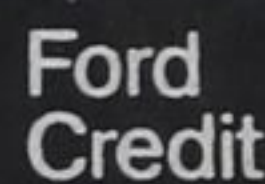
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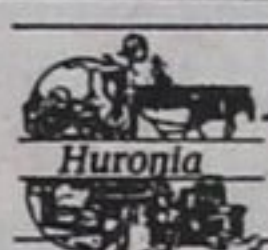
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