

Small Agricultural Employer Advisory Committee (SAEAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2017

Present:

Name – affiliation

Sam Murillo – Carpenters Union
Scott Schaefer – Carpenters Union
Dale Mitchell – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
Kaci Buhl – Oregon State University
Kirk Lloyd – Farm Safe
Nargess Shadbeh – Oregon Law Center
Eric Marsh – Iseli Nursery
Mike Doke – Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers
Tim Farnsworth – Gingrich Farms
Kathy Nishimoto – Duckwall Fruit
Janet Fults – Consultant
Viki Harchanko – Industrial Aviation
Candy Carnes – Oregon Berry Packing
Eric Lloyd – Risk Management Resources
David Silen – Holiday Tree Farm
Scott Dahlman – Oregonians for Food and Shelter (OFS)
Rose Kachadoorian – (ODA)
Gilbert Uribe – ODA
Grant Jackson – ODA

Stacey Cooper – Cooper Orchards
Bob Rossi – RJOC
Ramon Ramirez – PCUN
Lisa Arkin --Beyond Toxics
Misti Frost – Beyond Toxics
Kate Suisman – NW Workers Justice Project

Attended by Teleconference:

Eric Smith - Iseli Nursery
Emily Green - Street Roots News
Kevin Burger - Oregon Housing and Community Services

Oregon OSHA staff present:

Michael Wood
Renee Stapleton-Facilitator
Sue Joye
Sherry Marks
Kathleen Kincade
Trena VanDeHey
Sarah Rew (Recorder)

Welcome and Introductions

Those in person and teleconferencing introduced themselves. Michael Wood gave an overview of the history and purpose of this committee. He invited discussion on the following topics: how to protect workers and their families inside and outside the AEZ, and ways to decrease the likelihood of drift.

Advisory committee role and responsibilities

The committee is open to the public. Our goal is to involve stakeholders in the development of our administrative rules, which includes providing information about the fiscal impacts of potential rule requirements.

Background

Prior to the first meeting, everyone on the SAEAC email list was provided with links to the adopted rules and to the text of the three rules being considered as a starting point for this rulemaking.

- [Changes to the Worker Protection Standard](#) (rules adopted February 14, 2017 and effective January 1, 2018)
- Rule language currently under consideration (not yet adopted):
40 CFR 170.405(a)

Group Discussion:

- Discuss the health risks for farm workers and their families
- Actions to maximize effectiveness of a protected space such as shutting windows and doors
- Use of water soluble paper on cooktops and prep areas (to tell if drift occurred); or cover sensitive areas such as:
 - food and prep areas, sinks, wash tubs, clotheslines, play areas
 - covering all these areas could be challenging
- Possible “tiered approach” for the AEZ that recognized differences such as:
 - general use vs. restricted use pesticide products or;
 - signal words (caution/warning/danger/poison)
- How to verify that drift doesn’t happen. Discussion on the term “ensure” because it is not prescriptive.

Some Additional Suggestions that were discussed:

- Consider minimizing the use of air blast applications near labor housing through other forms of application
- Continue work to improve housing

Timeline

Our goal is to file proposed rules with the Secretary of State by June 15, 2017. We will subsequently hold public hearings, accept public comment, and adopt the final rules with an effective date of January 1, 2018 – the same effective date as the previously adopted modifications to the Worker Protection Standard rules.

Action

Based on the discussion and OSHA management review, Kathleen Kincade will provide draft proposed rule language for group review.

Next meeting:

Friday, May 12th, 2017 12:30 - 2:30 pm
PINE GROVE GRANGE
2835 VAN HORN DRIVE
HOOD RIVER, OR 97031

If needed, we will have an additional meeting on Thursday, May 25th, 12:30 - 2:30 pm; at the Portland Field Office training room (see location information above).

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