

## **SMALL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 14, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Oregon OSHA's Portland Field Office**

### **SAEAC members (and others\*) present/ organization represented:**

- 1) Amanda Dalton/ Dalton Advocacy;
- 2) Mike Doke /Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers (CGFG)
- 3) Stacey Cooper /Cooper Orchards;
- 4) Dave Silen /Holiday Tree Farms, Inc.
- 5) Kirk Lloyd / Risk Management Resources (RMR)
- 6) Eric Lloyd\*/ RMR
- 7) Brenda Frketich\*/ Kirsch Family Farms, Inc.
- 8) Katie Fast /Oregonians for Food & Shelter (OFS)
- 9) Viki Harchenko/ Industrial Aviation Services, Inc.
- 10) Roberta Gruber / Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB)
- 11) Grant Jackson\*/ Oregon Dept. Of Agriculture
- 12) Nargess Shadbeh / Oregon Law Center (OLC)
- 13) Valentine Sanchez\*/ OLC
- 14) Scott Dahlman/ OFS
- 15) Jenny Dresler (OFB)
- 16) Candy Carnes / Oregon Berry Packing
- 17) Shelly Latin / Legal Aid Services of Oregon– Pendleton (by phone)

### **Oregon OSHA representatives present:**

- Michael Wood
- Peggy Munsell
- Kathleen Kincade
- Alba Johnston
- Garnet Cooke
- Tomas Schwabe
- Sue Joye

### **SAEAC members also invited, but unable to attend meeting:**

- 1) Barnes, Seth / Oregon Forest Industries Council; Beyer, Roger /Oregon Seed Council; Davis, Shelly/ Boshart SJB Farms; Farnsworth, Tim/ Gingerich Farms, Inc.; Fernandez, Sonia /Carlton Plants; Fifield, Holly/ Office of Representative Mark Johnson; Gibson, Rich /Suterra, Inc.; Heiser, Henry/ Blueberry producer; King, Anthony / Carlton Winemaker's Studio; Lipow, Sara /Roseburg Forest Products; Marguth, Jerry; Nishimoto, Kathy /Duckwall Fruit Co.; Olson, Stuart/ Stuart Olson Farms; Perry, Matt /Adelsheim Vineyard; Reinhardt, Kathryn /Naumes, Inc.; Seunninga, Henk/ NexGen Turf Research; Stone, Jeff /Oregon Association of Nurseries; Tribbett, Anne-Marie /JB Instant Lawn; Wells, Ivan /Viticulture Advisory Board; Welsh, Jim /Oregon Cattlemen's Association

## Agenda:

- **Welcome/ safety and logistical information**
- **Introductions**  
**Explanation of EPA's federal level statutes vs. Oregon OSHA's administrative rules**  
(Issues of accountability to EPA?)
- **Discussion of draft Oregon-initiated rules to address issues/ concerns raised previously**  
*(Actual meeting discussions included the following points:*  
Have definite implementation dates. Know when requirements are effective.

It's less confusing for Oregon employers to continue using the Oregon OSHA rules (for Respiratory Protection, Eye-washes, Hazard Communication) for all types of hazards than to have different requirements for pesticide use under the WPS.

### Training requirements for workers and handlers

- Ideas for qualifications of trainers of both groups (workers and handlers.) Some states have refresher training requirements for trainers. Is once every 5 years frequent enough for T-t-T?
- Use identification of training materials by EPA publication numbers.
- Much concern about lack of lead-time on the new federal training requirements and lack of approved training material for new subject matter.

### Application Exclusion Zones (AEZ)

- Lack of guidance from EPA on situations specific to the Oregon tree-fruit industry
- Lack of focus on possible drift-control measures as prevention.
- All pesticide products are considered to be the same -- for purposes of the AEZ -- but users of less toxic pest-control chemicals (like those used by organic farms) should have different distance requirements?
- Protected Spaces as an alternative to evacuation
  - Is it really more protective to stand outside (evacuate) during an application than to remain in a true protected space?
  - Is labor housing that is registered by Oregon OSHA protective enough of residents to "automatically" be considered a "protected space"?
  - What other measures (other rules, more pertinent to housing?) would be appropriate for Oregon OSHA to consider in order to address concerns about the occupants of labor housing affected by the new WPS exclusion zone rules.

- **Adjourn**