

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, August 5, 2008

**Meeting minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Peggy Munsell	Dianna Gray	Gary Camfield
Michael Wood	Dave Kaiser	Barry Moreland
Ron Brooks	Andy Haymart	Dave Parsons
Tony Barsotti	Tony Howard	Marilyn Schuster
Jane Kirby		

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Call to Order 9:05 a.m.

Introductions

**Review minutes:**

Several members of the committee had a question about a phrase in the July 2008 minutes:

*“Tony Howard stated that they will be testing for **both** and will share the final test data...”*

Tony Howard agreed that the minutes should be clarified to read: *“testing for **both PELS...**”*

With that clarification, Tony Barsotti motioned to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

[http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osh/standards/const\\_advise.html](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osh/standards/const_advise.html)

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➤ **Status of current rule review- Peggy Munsell**

- Peggy gave an overview of rulemaking activity:

**Safety Committees** Peggy Munsell reminded everyone of the upcoming rule hearing scheduled for August 28, at 9:30 at the L&I building. Comment period closes September 3. Included in the rulemaking is the proposal to eliminate the minimum penalty of \$100 and clarification on centralized committees.,

Tony Barsotti raised a question regarding the 3-year record keeping requirements in the proposed rule. He asked if a 1-year requirement might be more feasible. Discussion followed.

Reasons to support 3-year retention included enhanced tracking of action items, archival/historic value for inspection purposes, and consistency with other record keeping requirements. Public comments received thus far favored longer record retention.

**Confined Space Stakeholder meeting scheduled for August 14.** Dave McLaughlin (Technical) is the contact person on this rule. Let him or Peggy Munsell know if interested in joining the stakeholder group. **Update:** Next meeting scheduled for September 24 at 9:30 at the Salem Field Office.

**Fixed Site Inspection Scheduling** Michael Wood gave a summary of the methodology and criteria under consideration for fixed site inspection scheduling.. OR-OSHA will be meeting with industry, industrial hygienists and stakeholders to discuss scheduling criteria that would take into account long-term health exposures. Their recommendations will be incorporated into the selection criteria for health inspections. .

**Silica** Tony Howard reported that testing is still underway at Hoffman Construction. **ACTION ITEM:** Tony will verify the type of sampling methods in use. When the sampling is complete, he will bring the lab report(s) to a future meeting.

➤ **Health & Safety Issues (global/current)**

**Permanent Anchors** Tony Barsotti reported on ongoing work. They met last week and decided to focus on the Oregon Specialty code and not on post installation inspection processes with revisions to the language. They also expanded the list of stakeholders, including the Structural Engineers Association of Oregon, and will reconvene in the fall/winter.

**Rubber Gloves Testing** Barry Moreland asked that this issue be dropped from future agendas. Glove-testing requirements vary greatly depending on the job (inside/line work/telecommunications) making it too difficult to resolve this issue within the committee. **ACTION ITEM:** Committee Secretary will remove the rubber glove issue from the agenda.

In a related discussion, members said that the terms “construction” and “maintenance” should be defined in OR-OSHA rules. Marilyn and Peggy said that OR-OSHA has issued Letters of Interpretation on this topic. **ACTION ITEM:** Marilyn and Peggy will bring relevant Letters of Interpretation to the next meeting. Committee Secretary will include a discussion of “building versus maintenance” definition on next agenda.

**JLG’s on floating vessels.** Dave Parson asked that this issue be dropped from future agendas. The information he received from the manufacturer is that they had no stance on the wearing of life preservers and to follow state regulations. . JLG’s

engineers provide custom safety specifications for securing JLGs on floating vessels.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Committee Secretary will remove the JLG issue from future agendas.

In related discussion, the group talked about personal flotation device (PFD) requirements for other work scenarios around water and the difficulty of a “one rule fits all” requirement.

➤ **Lessons Learned**

Tony Howard described a recent rigging failure.

➤ **Open Forum**

Tony Howard thanked Dianna Gray for her recent training presentation at Hoffman Construction.

Marilyn Schuster distributed the new publications, “**Oregon Compensable Fatality Characteristics, Calendar Year 2007**” and “**Number of Compensable Fatalities by Industry: July 2008**” published by the Information Management Division (IMD) Department of Consumer & Business Services.

Marilyn Schuster distributed copies of “Investigative Report: Nail Gun Safety Under Fire as Injuries Soar,” published in the **Sacramento Bee** newspaper. She also gave out an analysis of Oregon nail gun injuries written by IMD analyst, Tasha (Hodges) Chapman.

Peggy Munsell distributed the latest **Health and Safety Resource**, published by OR-OSHA. The cover story, “Giants of the sky” is about crane safety. It is online: [www.orosha.org/pdf/resource/2850\\_08-2008.pdf](http://www.orosha.org/pdf/resource/2850_08-2008.pdf)

Jane Kirby, Resource Center Librarian, distributed “**Building a Safe Workplace: Construction Safety and Health, Materials Available at the Oregon OSHA Resource Center.**”

Barry Moreland told the group about a field-modified scissor lift he evaluated at the Bonneville Dam.

Dianna Gray invited everyone to attend the upcoming ASSE ergonomics in construction webinar at the OR-OSHA Portland Field Office.

➤ **Planning for Agenda for Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: David Kaiser reminded everyone that the next meeting is on Tuesday, September 2 -- **the day after Labor Day** -- at the AGC Boardroom in Wilsonville.

**ACTION ITEM:** Meeting Chair/Committee Secretary will send a reminder about the September meeting.