

Oregon OSHA

Ag Labor Housing Advisory Committee

Monday January 31, 2022

Call to order/introductions:

Sarah Rew	Nargess Shadbeh
Alta Schaefer	Alex Boon
Julie Love	Daniel Quinones
Dave McLaughlin	Dora Herrera
Brian Annis	Fernando Gutierrez
Gary Robertson	Laurie Hoefer
Kate Ryan	Tomas Schwabe
Jennifer Flood	Lisa Rogers
Renee Stapleton	

- ✓ Current rulemaking updates? Renee – filed last Friday with secretary of state – this meeting will not be for comments on that rule because there is no mechanism to collect any comments.
- ✓ Review of current draft rule language/Cost analysis discussion/comments
 - Concerned about fire (grass/brush) (extend from 30' rule to 100'). Questions were asked about the concern that was trying to be mitigated. The group discussed that moving the distancing to 100' would provide a buffer around the housing from fire risk. Dry grass/weed creates a fuel load that could create a hazard to wildfire.
 - Housing proximity to crops – living near crops is not a long term solution for people. There are a number of concerns with occupants living adjacent to crops: pesticide drift, outdoor kitchens and exposure to heat/smoke/pesticide. Many felt that the AEZ is not a long term solution for these issues. The group was reminded that pesticide drift concerns need to be addressed out of WPS. However, concerns of the adequacy of the housing should be worked through this ALH rulemaking process.
 - What type of application is occurring? Are there any opportunities for grants to update aerial applicators?
 - Maybe a survey of the distances from housing to crops?

- It was asked if Oregon OSHA is still enforcing Covid-19 rules? Oregon OSHA responded that they continue to enforce the COVID-19 rules.
- Exhaust fan in bathrooms is specific to Covid-19 – but important even after Covid-19 for general infectious disease mitigation
 - Current rule requires toilet rooms have ventilation according to building code
- Heat in bathroom – well, if the house is heated then that may be sufficient. Additional considerations, many different types of bathrooms – standalone then heat is needed. It was also identified that it already applies in the current rule.
- The group was advocating for not allowing portables toilets to be counted in the ratio regardless of short duration or year round.
- It was suggested that A/C be installed in housing – a rule to require 78 degrees or below – workers are overheated at work and then come home and cannot cool down
 - Maybe a rule to bring inside temperature down X degrees from ambient outside temperature + a cooling center
- Increasing square footage is important – would like to know why is it not feasible from growers?
- We'd love to know what OR OSHA thinks needs updating – possible? Oregon OSHA continued to reiterate that all ideas will be considered, and we are at the stage of collecting information including fiscal assessments and determining the next steps.
- Recreation area is not on this list, yet we suggested it. Where did it go?
 - Not on purpose – we have *not* nixed it from the list of considerations – simply was not discussed today, but it is in the draft.

Next meeting: February 23