

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alden Strealy	Dede Montgomery	Lisa Wisler
Alta Schafer	Eden Berestoff	Lynn Craig
Angelica Valdivieso	Eric Elkins	Mark Spring
Annmarie Earl	Eric Fullan	Mary Lou Wilson
Barbara Hanley	George Goodman	Mike Brunenkant
Barry Moreland	Greig Lowell	Mike Jacobs
Bill Haskins	Hailey Latherow	Nick Naramore
Bryan Ortiz	Holt Andron	Phillip Wade
Bryon Snapp	Jackie Boyd	Penny Wolf-McCormick
Chris Dahl	Jake Errico	Renée Stapleton
Chris Grover	Jeff Cordill	Robert Miller
Dale Lindstrom	Jeremy Lawson	Roy Shawgo
Darby Ramos	Joaquin Diaz	Ryan Leffel
Darren Dikeman	John Mastro Monaco	Sean Tinker
Darren Toy	Josh Schwabauer	Stephen Heaven
Dave McLaughlin	Julie Love	Travis Stone
David Davidson	Justin Scott	Troy Stroud
David Ellis	Kirsten Adams	

The meeting was called to order by Joaquin Diaz.

Previous Meeting Minutes.

The June meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:

The last couple days have been high heat days. Has anyone come up with anything to keep employees cool?

Tapani: Lowes has a specific tool that is like a modified swamp cooler that sits on 5-gallon bucket that mists cold air that you can direct into a tent area for cooling down. It doesn't use a lot of battery or water and drastically cools the area down. <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Kobalt-7-in-3-Speed-Indoor-Outdoor-Misting-Stand-Fan/1003002602>

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

COVID-19 rule: proposed changes through the normal rulemaking process that includes the revisions with the last temporary adoptions from March of 2022. This is necessary so that the less restrictive temporary adoptions remain in place and more restrictive provisions from December 2021 don't revert back. The deadline for the temporary changes is September. There are public hearings scheduled for July 28th & 29th.

<https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHArules/proposed/2022/ltr-proposed-covid-19-june2022.pdf>

Joaquin: Will Oregon OSHA move the Covid rule to an infectious disease rule?

-We started out with the idea of an infectious disease rule , but changed to focus on Covid at the request of stakeholders. We have the frame work done for infectious disease, and we are hoping to pick back up and make a separate infectious disease rule at a later date.

OR-Standards Improvement Process: updating punctuation through out the rules.

Lead: Blood lead levels PEL. Federal OSHA has started to update their rule so we will need to look at theirs as we continue to work on updating ours.

Non-entry firefighting will get started up again, there is a lot of interest in getting this one completed.

Employer Knowledge- the last time we took public comments was 2 years ago, and we are going to reengage with stakeholders have more targeted conversations on this subject.

Oregon OSHA Spotlight:

Each month will be something different that Oregon OSHA will spotlight. If you have any ideas on what you would like covered please let Nathan Taylor or Roberto Aguilar know.

Dave McLaughlin talked about the common questions that we have been receiving on Heat and Smoke

There are not a lot of specific common questions but rather a lot of questions in general like:
-when does the rest time kick in. Does the time start when the heat level reaches the trigger temp or when they start working? It is when the temp reaches the trigger temp.

Firefighters are exempt if they are working in an emergency situation, not for training.

Ted Bunch is working on a FAQ's for Heat that will be available once complete, and more information can be found in the decision document for heat:

<https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHARules/comments/comments-and-decisions-AO3-2022-ah-heat-rules.pdf>

Emergency medical: if someone is experiencing heat related issues, you need to assess and watch them, and call emergency personnel if needed. Don't just do nothing.

Smoke:

Using the AQI, when reports are giving multiple numbers which do you use? If you do not have your own to monitor your location, rent a monitor, or use the 5-3-1 visual system

What does indoor mechanical ventilation look like? This would be built-in units, not portable units- those are engineering control.

KN95's – the COVID-19 allowed the KN95s because of demand. KN95s are not a NIOSH approved respirator. At the time of the temporary rule, the FDA had temporarily approved certain KN95s under an Emergency Use Authorization (EAU). That EAU is no longer in place.

George Goodman: since the AQI is / if Oregon OSHA has a method in determining when the wildfire level reaches the trigger could OSHA put on their website when the rule has been triggered in a certain County?

Dave: Based on conversations with partners from DEQ in WA/OR, when the AQI during wildfire season hits the thresh hold then it is considered it is due to the wildfire. A lot of great information can be found in the decision document on wildfire:

<https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHARules/comments/comments-and-decisions-AO4-2022-wildfire-smoke.pdf>

EPA air now app has an active map that shows the AQI WF smoke. It tells you what it is currently happen.

Dave- we are looking at the fine particulate of wildfire smoke – particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM2.5) .

Oregon Contractor Spotlight

Joaquin Diaz- Skanska –

Unique technology that we are using at PDX. Arrowsight <https://arrowsight.com/>. It is a camera system that uses AI to identify a hazard as it occurs. We don't have repercussions on the employees, but allows for training to help identify hazards and help increase awareness of hazards. It does analytics to capture common themes that the user identifies as important which allows us to follow up on at risk behavior and focus training efforts. We can identify trends of safety issues.

You can add tags to help the software learn. We used it for COVID and allowed us to do contact tracing and alerted us if someone was within 6 feet of each other. It is spendy, but it is a very good product. The cameras and reports are maintained by the vendor and we don't have to mess with it.

David Ellis with Tapani would like to participate for August Contractor Spotlight.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

If there is an accident or fatality incident that you would like more information on let Nathan and Jeff know so we can track it and can discuss once the case is able to be discussed.

The following is preliminary information as reported at the time of the accident intake.

Accidents

Question on disciplinary action for wearing jewelry on a construction site, is there a policy.
pinky ring partial amputation we will follow up once the inspection process is complete.

1. June 14th Rouge River

Two employees were lifting heavy lumber when one employee was believed to strain his back. On-site, six employees, including a foreman, witnessed the incident. Foreman called 911, and the Rogue River paramedics arrived. The injured employee was transported to Asante Medical Center, Medford, Oregon

2. June 2nd Klamath Falls

Employee was climbing a 8-16 feet extension ladder. When employee was at approximately 9 feet high, he twisted on his side, lost balance and fell to concrete sidewalk below. Employee, at first, thought he was okay. Then, employer put him in his truck and took him to urgent care (across the street from where they were working). Resulted in a fractured tibia.

3. May 31st Ashland

An employee was exiting a scissor lift at ground level, fell and caught his pinkie finger ring on the ladder of the lift, which partly amputated his pinkie finger.

4. June 17th Elgin

Employee was stapling down roofing paper and stepped in-on hole/rotten roof sheeting. Employee lost balance and fell from room onto deck, hitting the guardrail first. Employee broke ribs, shoulder and injured back.

5. June 25th Turner

An employee was at the roof's edge when they unclipped to get onto the ladder. The employee lost their balance and fell approximately 20 to the ground below. The employee was taken to Stayton hospital by his father who also was working at the time. The employee

broke both ankles and was admitted into the hospital. The employee currently remains in the hospital.

6. June 16th Portland

The employee was struck in the back of the head by a 24ft extension ladder that was not properly tied off while the employee was working on ground level. Laceration occurred on the back of her head.

7. June 1st Salem

They were doing maintenance on a shake roof and cleaning out the gutter with leaf blower, he took a step to the edge by the gutter and slipped off the roof. His fall protection was all set-up correctly and being worn but the rope was adjusted incorrectly. The fall was 9.5 ft. He fell face first on to the deck below on to his face. Face and neck contusions.

Fatalities

1. June 6th, North Bend

A wood manufacturing facility reported an independent contractor working at their facility, exited a man lift on to a 2x4 20 feet in the air. 2x4 broke, worker fell to the ground. CPR was started, but was not successful. Coos County Sheriff's Office, and Coroner responded, Coroner pronounced worker deceased. Male, age unknown. No Oregon OSHA jurisdiction.

Anonymous Questions:

If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Roberto Aguilar or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you.

Round table:

Mike- next Thursday, Eugene safety group touring Knife River facility.

Dede- OYES- we have a planning meeting in August and an item we are discussing expanded OSHA-10 training for youth. If you have any interest please reach out to her montgomd@ohsu.edu.

Eric Fullan- Oregon GOSH safety nominations are now open. There are a couple new categories this year. Contact [Sharell Lien](#) with questions. March 6-9, 2023 is the conference.

Barbara Hanley- will be leaving 8/12 for another job and will post the [job announcement](#) for her replacement.

Oregon OSHA Safety and Health grant program is open: you can contact [Matt Kaiser](#) with any questions. <https://osha.oregon.gov/edu/grants/Pages/default.aspx>

Barb Epstein: the recording of CPWR-AIHA webinar last month on health hazards in construction is now available on the CPWR YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/sIGjLBykHDo>

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Nathan Taylor](#) know.

Next Meeting:

August 2, 2022
Zoom Meeting