

**Oregon OSHA**  
Construction Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Al Lee-Lennar	Eric Fullan	Oriana Davis
Alta Schafer	Greig Lowell	Phillip Wade
Annmarie Earl	Hailey Latherow	Renée Stapleton
Barbara Hudson-Hanley	Holt Andron	Rick McMurry
Brad Nanke	Jake Errico	Robert Miller
Bryan Davis	Jennifer Carter	Roy Shawgo
Bryon Snapp	Jennifer Stewart	Ryan Leffel
Caleb Harris	Jim Maher	Sean Tinker
Chris Dahl	Joe Mullens	Stephanie Baird
Craig Tweedy	Josh Schwabauer	Stephen Cannon
Dale Lindstrom	Julie Love	Stephen Heaven
Danielle Horgan	Justin Scott	Tammi Stevens
Darren Dikeman	Kyan Bartel	Thomas Price
Dave McLaughlin	Maggie Gerlicher	Tim Moore
Eden Berestoff	Mary Lou Wilson	Troy Stroud
Eric Bongen	Mike Brunenkant	Ursula Lande
Eric Elkins	Nathan Taylor	

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The meeting was called to order by Rick McMurry.

Thank you all for joining the hybrid meeting. Introductions of people in person were made.

**Previous Meeting Minutes.**

The March meeting minutes were approved.

**Lessons Learned & Safety Suggestions:**

A Saw blade that flew across the parking lot into a store front wall in the Eugene area. No one was hurt. Oregon OSHA has made contact with the employer.

PDX airport slowdown. There has been a series of dropped objects, and near misses but no one injured. The employer went to Port of Portland and told them that they were going to slow down work because employees said they felt pressured. The Port of Portland was 100% percent on board with this decision, and they will support these companies. Employee safety is most important.

On VPP team doing an evaluation and while there on site, their corporation had an accident and it was caught on camera. They immediately did a safety stand-down across the company. They took that moment to address, and problem solve right away.

No one was injured; A company had a close call at a building near a school. A car lost its brakes, went through fence and hit a post. Make sure you aware of what is going on around you.

Scissor lifts: People walking next to it while driving with the controller and running their feet over or hitting themselves with the machine. -A discussion on safely operating was had by the group.

-Suggested the topic of Control Equipment for a bigger group topic.

Hearing protection: NRR calculation: remove 7 because skulls are not laboratory mold, then divide by 2. Is this the formula to use? OR-OSHA does not have the divide by 2.

Dave: we subtract 7, C waving and A waving, NRR is based on C scale. The guidance of the division of half was to account for lab setting and real-world setting has never been a requirement. You can do an actual fit testing to get accurate readings.

### **OSHA Spotlight: Accident**

Bryon Snapp shared an accident from [2023 on the Release of Stored Energy](#).

### **Status of Rulemaking:**

Dave McLaughlin shared what Oregon OSHA is working on.

-Working on [Lead](#) rules- meeting next week, hoping to have a proposal ready soon. [Linda Pressnell](#) is the point of contact.

-Fed OSHA- Rule for Emergency Responders. The comment period has been pushed out to June 21, 2024. Comments can be submitted to [osha.rulemaking@dcbs.oregon.gov](mailto:osha.rulemaking@dcbs.oregon.gov).

-[ALH rules](#)- meetings on going. Sarah R.

-Program Directive: Process Safety Management that we are working on.

-Federal OSHA Guidance- Employee Representatives:

Jennifer Stewart shared:

Oregon Standards Improvement Process. This is not adding new rules or obligations. This is making minor corrections, grammar, punctuation, and rule number adjustments. There will be a text of changes to see the updates. There are about 75 updates that have been made to this. If you have questions please reach out to [Jennifer Stewart](#).

Joaquin (subpart Cc -winch/hook fix) is this part of this process, or can it be? Jennifer will take a look at. If it makes a substantial change then we can't do it in the process, we have made notes to talk about when we open the rule again in the future.

## 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

1. March 5<sup>th</sup>, White City

According to the employer's understanding, the employee was using a chop saw in the number one joint department cutting block. The employee's left hand went into the saw cutting the 3rd finger (at tip of finger), 4th finger (cut below the nail), and 5th finger (at middle joint).

### Fatalities

1. March 29<sup>th</sup>, White City

One of the owners of the trucking company was ran over by a dump truck while hooking up a trailer. A second employee was also ran over during the incident, this employee was hospitalized with serious injuries. 82-year-old male

2. March 18<sup>th</sup> Estacada

Choker setter got hit in the head with skyline. Yard engineer accidently dropped the skyline and the employee was underneath it striking him in the head. Ambulance picked up the victim from the landing and the patient was life flighted to Emmanuel Hospital. Employee was on life support but passed away at 11:36AM on 3/18/2024. 24-year-old male.

3. March 5<sup>th</sup> Hood River

Logging truck driver driving on Fir Mountain Rd. left the road and struck standing timber on another property. The Sargent who responded to the call had said that there were no skid marks leaving the road or off of the road and that there may have been a medical condition that the driver was having as a precursor to the motor vehicle accident. 63-year-old male

### Anonymous Questions:

*If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Rick McMurry, or Dale Lindstrom know and they will bring it up for you.*

Question on a rule change regarding 1903.8(c). I recently came across a video touching on the upcoming changes to the inspection process and allowing third parties to represent a company's employees. My main point here was to see if we could discuss this new change to the rule, and to ask: **If an OSHA rep is on site for an inspection, and the contractor to be inspected insists on having a third party represent them; does this halt the inspector from doing their job until the third party shows up/becomes available?**

Answer: We already have a policy to have a worker have a representative present. The new Fed rule that came out last Friday, we are taking a look at it to see if we have to do rulemaking.

We will open the inspection and will not notify in advance. We will wait a reasonable amount of time, if there will be a significant amount of time before the rep arrives, we will get started on the process and then catch the representative up once they get there. The compliance officer can manage the time.

**Round table:**

- Stephanie Baird- Bryon Snapp will present the SB592 information to their group from 6:00pm-8:00pm please [RSVP if you would like to attend](#).
- [CSS knife river training event](#)- last week to registered.
- SafeBuild Alliance: May 2<sup>nd</sup> kick off
- Skanska- EMR calculation – Silica in May- Crane safety July
- Safety Break- May 8, 2024

Meeting adjourned.

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Rick McMurry](#) or [Dale Lindstrom](#)

**Next Meeting:**

May 14, 2024