

Permissible Exposure Limits Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2016

Location: Oregon OSHA PFO

Meeting started: 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Alta Schafer (Oregon OSHA)

Alden Streatly

Bryon Snapp (Oregon OSHA)

Carol Gunn

Daniel Cain (Oregon OSHA)

Dave McLaughlin (Oregon OSHA)

David Johnson

Dede Montgomery

Jeff Jackson (Oregon OSHA)

Jeffrey Green (Oregon OSHA)

Matthew Stopher

Michael Wood (Oregon OSHA)

Peggy Munsell (Oregon OSHA)

Penny Wolf-McCormick (Oregon OSHA)

Renee Stapleton (Oregon OSHA)

Russ Reasoner (Oregon OSHA)

Trena VanDeHey (Oregon OSHA)

Wayne Boyle (Oregon OSHA)

Zandra Walton

Absent:

Cecil Tipton (Federal OSHA)

DeEtta Burrows

Galen Blanton (Federal OSHA)

Kathleen Kincade (Oregon OSHA)

Steve Eversmeyer

Susan MacMillan

Welcome and introductions

The group introduced themselves.

Purpose & expectations of the Advisory Committee

Bryon Snapp provided an introduction to what Oregon OSHA wants to achieve with this advisory committee and set the ground rules. Oregon OSHA will only evaluate substances (including noise) that already have an existing permissible exposure limit (PEL) established in Oregon OSHA rule. Silica, heat stress and diesel exhaust are not to be considered in this advisory committee. The goal is to identify a narrow list of potential candidates. Oregon OSHA hopes to update, through individual rule making, a handful of PELs (4-6) which are under protective and there are exposures occurring in Oregon. This advisory committee would not be directly involved in the rule making should it be undertaken by Oregon OSHA. Each candidate selected for rule making would be a separate rule making endeavor by Oregon OSHA, each with its own Advisory Group being established.

Michael Wood discussed the need for each member to have an individual perspective, not a company perspective. Each person was invited to participate based on their background and experience with occupational health. Mr. Wood provided an update on the efforts previously undertaken by federal OSHA to identify similar groups of PELs which were either obsolete or under protective.

Homework

Bryon Snapp informed the group that there will most likely be two more meetings before the end of the year and that they will be scheduled soon. Additionally, each member of the advisory committee is being assigned homework to bring to the next meeting. The home work is to:

- Review the information from federal OSHA on PELs which they have identified as either obsolete or under protective.
- Only consider candidates with existing PELs in Oregon OSHA regulations.
- Identify 4 PELs which you feel are under protective.
- Rank those PELs in order from #1 to #4.
- If possible, identify which Oregon industries have exposures to each PEL.

Group discussion

A group discussion was engaged in by several members to get an idea of candidates that members though might be interesting to further look into. The list below is not in order nor does it specifically follow the homework rules:

- Noise
- Benzene
- Manganese
- HDI – polymer forms
- Formaldehyde
- Wood dust
- Western red cedar
- Styrene
- Lead
- Beryllium
- Gluteraldehyde
- Toluene
- Sulphur dioxide
- Sulfuric acid
- Metal working fluid
- Flour dust
- Diacetylene
- Hydrogen sulfide

Meeting adjourned: 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting: TBA