



Minutes for Board Meeting of January 16, 2008

PARC Board Coordinator: Kathleen Harvey

Board Members Present

Chris Kirby, PARC Board Administrator
Dale Mitchell, PARC Co-Chair
Gail R. Shibley, PARC Co-Chair
Brad Knotts, ODF
Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA
Richard Kepler, ODF&W
Sandy Giffin, OHSU/Poison Control
Greg Pettit, DEQ

Consultants Present

Dr. Fred Berman, CROET
Justin Waltz, OPHD
Jeff Jenkins OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.
Dr. Dan Sudakin, OSU/Env. & Molecular Tox.
Will Lackey, ODOT

Guests Present

Steve Riley, ODA
Joan Rothlein, CROET

Board Members Absent

Chris Kuenzi, OSFM

Introductions:

1. Called to order: 9:00 a.m. Gail Shibley was introduced as the 2008 co-chair.
 - a. Gail asked that two additional agenda items be added to new business. Those items were added as number 6, "Top priorities for PARC" and number 7 "Complaint regarding drift".
2. Review and approval of the November 2007 minutes was accomplished with minutes approved as submitted.

Old Business:

1. PARC incident/case updates
 - a. Florence Case
Several agencies have responded to requests for investigative documents having to do with the Florence, Oregon pesticide related death in 2005. This included the PARC classification of the incident and the ODA investigation, both being sent by ODA. The U.S. EPA has also been asked to respond with information that it has developed as well. Dr. Sudakin has been contacted. OPHD is also responding.
 - b. Kasch's Nursery Center
No new information on this case. There has been a fine to the nursery center but it is still unknown if the cleanup has been effective.
 - c. Linnton Community Center Day Care
The PARC classification and the ODA investigation have been sent to the Linnton Community Center and to the applicator as requested in a public records request. There have been no more contacts regarding this incident.
 - d. Garnet Cooke, OR-OSHA, shared that the RSI water samples had been analyzed and received and that the well water on the RSI property was deemed potable. Additionally, one of the changes to legislation that is due to the 2007 session is that the legislature has provided funds to implement the requirement for small water systems to meet public health regulations. The "Drinking Water Advisory Committee" is determining how to implement this legislative change.

2. Pitchfork Rebellion

•• A newspaper article that was written by Dave (nee Day) Owen was discussed. He has made allegations of continuing harm to his family and other families around the area where he lives. This article was an editorial regarding this same theme.

Kathleen told the group that she had sent a PARC request for a report that Mr. Owen claimed was available regarding these allegations. Kathleen has not received any response in the ensuing three weeks.

3. Workgroup on Pesticide Use in Oregon Schools

**Gail discussed the legislative subcommittee that was put together to discuss pesticides and schools. The specific subject was pesticide use around schools, however the discussions have also focused on the definition of integrated pest management and the implementation of integrated pest management (IPM) in school districts and resource allocation to assist schools to implement IPM programs.

Chris Kirby asked OR-OSHA to send him information on the notification requirements and to clarify MSDS and notification requirements. There was a discussion about the draft recommendations that the subcommittee had made and some discussion of drift prevention technology and about the need to define a buffer zone if one is necessary.

The discussion, lead by Gail, lead to agreement that drift from applications outside the schools is only part of the problem. There are aerosol issues, vapor air quality issues and the fact that there is risk, perceived risk and actual harm, none of which have been measured or identified. The actual crux of the conversation actually came down to whether or how PARC can be of assistance to the legislature.

Best Management Practices and Pesticide Stewardship partnerships may help, but it is unknown what percent of the problem that stewardship could alleviate.

The group determined that reducing the risk is the focus. Therefore, monitoring first and then action should be the guideline used.

The last committee meeting will be held and a final recommendation to the legislature will be developed and presented.

New Business:

1. Meetings for 2008

Meetings were set for 2008 and a document was handed out that identified the dates. All dates at this time are the third Wednesday of every odd month: January 16, March 19, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19. Any changes will be made and posted on the website as soon as they are made.

2. Community Member Vacancy/Appointment

There has been a community member vacancy for a while. According to the legislation, there is a requirement to appoint a citizen from the public at large. Gail would like to develop a process to identify an out-reach process, to implement that process and get a person appointed before March.

3. Letter to D. Owen

There was a discussion of the planned PARC letter to “concerned citizens” and that a copy of a letter of this sort is going to be sent to Mr. Dave (Day) Owen. Members were concerned that Kathleen assure that the letter be specific to Mr. Owen and were told that it would be.

4. New Incidents/cases

The list of new PARC incidents and cases was handed out to the members present.

5. Cases of interest

Garnet Cooke described an OR-OSHA case [PARC 080001(I)] where a company has been using an industrial chemical as a rooting hormone. Employees have been having symptoms that include headache, reddened eyes, and some respiratory irritation from this chemical. No

physicians were seen and that the use practice with no, or very little, air exchange, was causing a health effect.

6. Top priority(ies) for PARC – Added agenda item

Gail Shibley brought this subject to the members. She feels that the PARC Board should be determining if it is meeting goals that are strategic for the state. She brought up the following list of subjects for the Board to discuss and invites the members of the Board to bring their own list(s) to the next meeting to begin discussing what PARC should be doing.

The following is the list of subjects that Gail brought up.

- a. Is the Pesticide Use Reporting System a tool that PARC can use?
- b. How do Inert Ingredients affect PARC investigations?
- c. How can PARC know it is capturing 100% of the incidents occurring in Oregon?
- d. Should PARC be looking at the definition of integrated pest management?
- e. Can PARC create a plan to increase the overall awareness of PARC?
- f. How can PARC be involved in the Governors' water initiative – water quality?
- g. What impact can PARC have on pesticide labels or labeling?
- h. Should PARC try to help define drift?
- i. Should PARC take a stance on multiple chemical sensitivities?
- j. What impact does the FQPA list of 73 chemicals that are endocrine disruptors have on PARC's legislative charge?

Gail commented that she knows that PARC Board members and their agencies have different perspectives and she knows that PARC must be cautious not to get too involved in issues that don't have resolution. However, she does feel that there is a place for more than simply the PARC core tasks.

Agency Updates

Members were requested to send agency updates to Kathleen for inclusion in the minutes.

Department of Forestry:

1. Public Comment to the Oregon Board of Forestry

Every two years, the Oregon Board of Forestry holds its Issues Scan in which it gives any interested person the opportunity to comment on any forestry-related issue. The purpose of the scan is to gauge whether the board should be looking at new directions or new tasks to meet its mission of leading forestry in Oregon. The board held an Issues Scan in 2007, and reviewed the results at its January 3, 2008 meeting. Out of a total of 167 issue comments received, 50 were related to forest pesticide use. Forty-three of those focused on perceived damage from pesticides to humans, fish, and wildlife, with a strong current of recommendations for increased monitoring of pesticide residues and a review of current technical information on pesticide effects on humans and the environment. The other 7 comments focused on support for pesticide use based on careful, scientifically supported review.

The Board of Forestry reviewed the comments at its January 3, 2008 meeting. The board heard spirited public comment stating that among other things, impacts on fish are documented and ODF should restart and expand its monitoring program, which should include involvement of community representatives and others to get monitoring done. Some commented that pesticides should not be used unless monitoring and research shows there are no problems. Mr. Day Owen was one of the presenters, stating that (1) he and others have been poisoned by pesticides (2) after being contacted, agencies have not responded to the residents' concerns, (3) the agencies are therefore dominated by industry, and (4) that needs to change. PARC may find the public testimony quite interesting. An audio recording is available at [http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/BOARD/BOF_010908_Meeting_Materials.shtml#Audio_Meeting_Files_\[MP3\]](http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/BOARD/BOF_010908_Meeting_Materials.shtml#Audio_Meeting_Files_[MP3]). Go to the heading "Audio Meeting Files" and select "Item 7." The public comment starts at about 24 minutes into the recording, and goes on for about an hour.

The Board of Forestry ended up directing ODF to promote a multi-agency review of current technical

information on non-target effects of pesticides, and to provide the board with a review of existing agency regulations and policies related to pesticides, the latter to be provided at the board's March 5, 2008 meeting.

Next meeting Proposed for March 19, 2008