

**Pesticide Analytical & Response Center
Minutes for Board Meeting of May 16, 2007
ODA Conference Room D**

Board Members Present

Chris Kirby – PARC Board Administrator
Dale Mitchell – PARC Co-Chair
Greg Pettit – DEQ
Sandy Giffin – OHSU/Poison Control

Board Members Absent

Garnet Cooke – OR-OSHA
Michael Heumann – OPHD Co-Chair
Richard Kepler – ODF&W
Brad Knotts – ODF

Consultants Absent

Will Lackey – ODOT

Consultants Present

Dr. Fred Berman – CROET
Dr. Dan Sudakin – OSU
Justin Waltz – OPHD
Dr. Jeff Jenkins – OSU
Kathleen Harvey, PARC

Guests Present

Laura Power, OSU

I. Introductions:

- a. Called to order: approximately 9:10 am.
- b. Kathleen Harvey, new PARC Coordinator was introduced.
- c. All present introduced themselves.
- d. Minutes from the March 21, 2007 meeting were accepted as presented.

II. Handout

- U.S.EPA Soil Fumigant Pesticide information regarding two stakeholder meetings to obtain public input on risk management options for soil fumigant pesticides was handed out as an information only bulletin.

III. Old Business:

Status of Data Base

•Kathleen has met with the contractor representative and the project seems on track for testing beginning June 1. She is writing the testing protocol and another meeting with the contractor is expected May 24. The projected date for the data base to be functional is July 1. At that time, the plan is to enter all of the current incidents and cases, and also to enter the last two years of incidents and cases, allowing the writing of the biennial report.

Dale brought up the subject of the two years of incidents and cases that need to be identified and classified. He explained that the process for classification will include member agencies in open discussion to choose how the incident/case should be classified and closed. Justin asked if the classification would have to be unanimous, Dale replied that it would be majority rule. Dale said he expects to begin working on classifications within the next two months.

Waldport Working Group Update

•No PARC member's agencies have been contacted since the last meeting, and no member agencies have seen the petition.

Florence Case

•U.S. EPA is still evaluating this case. There are issues having to do with labeling and ventilation.

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Truck Driver Exposure

- Although this is an antimicrobial issue, the PARC has determined that an incident of this magnitude should be followed and designated as a case. OROSHA is the lead agency for this investigation. The PARC will determine, after review of medical records, whether there was a likelihood of a relationship between the material and the illness.

Garden Center Case

- This is an ongoing investigation by DEQ and the Fire Marshal. Greg Pettit gave PARC the DEQ Hazardous Waste Inspection Report written by Rebecca Paul, DEQ, one of the persons affected in the second incident. This incident occurred when DEQ and the Fire Marshal's office conducted a follow-up to the initial incident.

IV. New Business:

New Incidents/Cases

- Dale discussed with the Board the new numbering system for PARC and that each agency will be able to find PARC incidents or cases based on either the PARC designated number or by whatever number each agency has designated the case or incident, once the database is finalized.

Communication

- Dale discussed some communication issues that include the really good communication between Oregon Poison Control and Oregon Public Health as well as the communication with Department of Agriculture. However, he also cited some instances when communication was slow between other partners, most likely due to a misunderstanding of what a pesticide is. One of his examples was the evacuation of children and adults from Embassy Suites in Portland which was not transmitted to ODA in a timely manner. This was probably because OERS did not understand that chlorine and muriatic acid were both registered pesticides. The group discussed the need for better training and ongoing communication to partners about pesticides.

V. Agency Updates

Oregon Public Health Division-DHS

Justin Waltz gave an overview of his case workload and identified how many people had been affected by each of the PARC cases and incidents.

- The Oregon Poison Center reported 28 cases to OPHD (meaning individual people, not events; on one occasion, there were two people exposed during a single event)
 - Of these, nine were occupational in nature.
- Of these 28 cases, OPHD investigated 16. "Investigated" means at least one of the following: attempting to contact the exposed individual, learning more about their pesticide exposure; gaining their permission to share their case with PARC, and acquiring any available medical records.
- For comparison, OPHD's database reveals that for the same time period in 2006, OPHD initiated 28 cases, of which one was investigated.
 - Of these, five were occupational in nature.

Additionally, there has been an extension of a study using poison centers to see where poisonings are occurring.

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Department of Agriculture - ODA

The Department of Agriculture is working on the cases involving the illegal use of carbofuran on onions in 2006, in eastern Oregon/western Idaho. Preparation of case files, and civil penalties are almost complete. ODA is also developing an embargo protocol for the growers for 2007.

Department of Environmental Quality - DEQ

The Department of Environmental Quality has successfully implemented a monitoring program for toxic and other materials in groundwater.

Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting was scheduled for July 25, 2007 but was changed to August 1, 2007 later.