

# MINUTES

## CR2K Advisory Group



**Meeting Date:** July 28, 2010

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Office of State Fire Marshal

**Attendees:** Sue Otjen, OSP – OSFM  
Chris Kuenzi, OSP – OSFM  
Kailean Kneeland, OSP – Budget  
Larry West, OSP – Budget  
Lana Butterfield, Pacific Propane Gas Association  
Paulette Pyle, Oregonians for Food & Shelter  
Rich Angstrom, Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association  
Bob Short, Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association  
Gary Hughes, Ted Hughes and Associates  
Roald Berg, Berg Environmental  
Chris Mastrup, Blue Star Gas

The meeting began with introductions by those present. Chris explained the purpose of the meeting was to present the agency's proposed fee increase package and receive feedback from meeting participants. The proposal was presented with a Power Point presentation and handouts were given for reference.

There was discussion around several items and suggestions were made by meeting participants. These discussion points and suggestions are summarized below:

- OSFM should revise the fee OAR's to include a commitment to refund monies collected in excess of budgeted needs.
- It was asked why the agency chose to use a projected inflation factor of 10% for future operational costs. Kailean Kneeland responded, explaining the factors considered when choosing such a rate.
- It was suggested that the larger increase of 45% that is proposed for 2010 be moved to the last fee increase date of 2013 when the economy may be better situated. It was explained that the larger fee increase is needed up front in order to deal with the initial revenue deficit that will occur at the end of the 09-11 biennium.
- Discussion occurred about online reporting and the cost-benefit factors of acquiring this technology. It was agreed it would provide potential future cost-savings to the program but the initial development cost is unattainable at this time due to the funding situation.
- A recommendation was made to increase the \$25 registration fee to a higher amount that more accurately reflected the cost of processing a facility survey.
- Comment was made that the \$2000 cap set in statute should be raised. Discussion occurred about how this would need to be accomplished through the legislative process.

- A request was made by Rich Angstrom that OSFM provide a list of substances that are being used for billing purposes that meet the intent of the DEQ Toxic Use Reduction program and Orphan Site fund. OSFM explained that it does not have the expertise or authority to identify what substances might meet the intent of those two programs. OSFM committed to passing this request on to DEQ for consideration on how to best meet this request.
- Chris reminded everyone that a technical advisory group is being established to provide ongoing input to OSFM on technical issues related to the CR2K program.