

PARC Overview and Processes

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What is the Pesticide Analytical Response Center?

- Central location for Oregon pesticide incident info
 - Claims of adverse health effects to people/animals
 - Impacts to the environment
- Assistance between agencies
 - Communication
 - Information sharing
 - Incident coordination
- Made up of eight Oregon agencies

PARC Agencies



Each agency selects a representative to sit on the PARC Board and function as the main contact for the PARC coordinator.



PARC consultants

PARC relies on the expertise of other groups as consultants. In addition, there is a citizen representative from the state at large on the PARC governing board.



PARC investigation participants

Depending on the situation, other agencies may takeover or assist in the investigations led by PARC agencies. These other government agencies are ones that are not specifically mentioned in PARC's mandate.



PARC structure

Oregon Department of Agriculture

- PARC Administrator
- PARC Coordinator/PARC Board Co-chair
- Citizen Liaison

Oregon Health Authority

- PARC Board Co-chair

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How does PARC function?

- Communication/Referrals
- PARC database/trend analysis
- Outreach



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Communication with the public

- Complaint intake
 - Receive incidents or referrals
 - Directly respond to questions from the public
- Resources provided
 - Risk communication
 - Referrals to other entities
 - NPIC, County Extension
 - Housing, legal, additional services outside of PARC
 - Legislators



Communication with agencies

- Referrals to/from agencies
 - Interact with PARC board representatives
- Communicate with investigators
- Share case information with involved agencies
 - Lab results
 - Case closings
 - Enforcement actions
- Organize coordination calls



PARC database/trend analysis

- Input information into PARC database
 - Contributing factors
 - Case details
 - Files, relevant emails, pictures
- Look for trends in the data



PARC Outreach

- Collaboration between agencies
 - Zinc phosphide and geese advisory
 - Pesticide fact sheets
 - Resources for applicators at apartment complexes
 - Advisory, risk communication brochure
- Projects within ODA
 - Calibration guidance study materials
 - Equipment maintenance brochure
 - Pesticide contacts/resources for FAQs
- Policy recommendations
- Biennial report



PARC quick overview

- When pesticide incidents happen in Oregon:
 - PARC refers and communicates with other agencies
 - Shares case and investigator information
- PARC receives complaints directly, or other sources (211, OERS, agencies)
 - Collects info from complainants
 - Calls back to provide resources/pesticide information
 - Makes referrals to other agencies
- Uses collected data to:
 - Identify trends/patterns
 - Create outreach/training materials
 - May provide recommendations for legislative changes



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