

# September PARC Board Meeting Minutes

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME	END TIME
9/18/2024	Virtual meeting	9:00AM	10:00AM

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## PARC Member Agencies Present

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

**Ted Bunch**, Senior Policy Analyst/Legislative Coordinator, *Oregon OSHA (OR-OSHA)*

**Rebecca Anthony**, Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*

**Jen Seamans**, Program Manager, *Pesticide Exposure, Safety and Tracking Program, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*

**Charisse Pizarro-Osilla**, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

**Fred Berman**, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (OHSU)*

**Will Lackey**, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

**David Gruen**, Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

## Other Persons Present

**Christina Higby**, Citizen Advocate Liaison, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

**Meredith Cocks**, Project Coordinator, *National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)*

**Alan Martinez**, Occupational Health & Pesticide Exposure Program Coordinator, *Oregon Health Authority (OHA)*

**Jennifer Eisele**, Pesticides Manager, *Beyond Toxics*

**Kaci Buhl**, Associate Professor of Practice, *Oregon State University (OSU)*

**Dani Lightle**, Policy and Stewardship Director, *Oregonians for Food and Shelter (OFS)*

**Serhan Mermer**, Director, *National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)*

**Kathryn Rifenburg**, Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

## Introductions and Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda. PARC Board minutes for July were reviewed and approved.

## Agency Updates

**Warren Hanson**, PARC Board Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)*

- ODA is another step closer to finding a community PARC board representative, as we received three candidates, but we are also going to extend the search one more time in hopes of getting a few more applicants. I will also send out an updated notice for distribution.

**Ted Bunch**, Technical Specialist, Standards and Technical Division, *Oregon OSHA*

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- No updates from OR-OSHA at this time.

**David Gruen**, Columbia River Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)*

- No updates from DEQ at this time.

**Alan Martinez**, Occupational Health & Pesticide Exposure Program Coordinator, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

- Jen Seamans: Alan is at a conference giving a presentation about some of the 2023 multi-household exposure events. He will also be attending other outreach events such as the Binational Health Week at Chemeketa Community College, and a Weatherization Community Event at the Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency, as well as planning some collaboration with the Oregon Employment Department.
- He will give additional case updates when that rolls around.

**Rebecca Anthony**, Water Quality Specialist, *Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)*

- No updates from ODFW at this time.

**Charisse Pizarro-Osilla**, Director, *Oregon Poison Center (OPC)*

- No updates from OPC at this time, but I will also be at the Binational Health Week with Alan.

**Will Lackey**, Statewide Vegetation Management Coordinator, *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

- No updates from ODOT at this time.

**Fred Berman**, Director, Toxicology Information Center, *Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (OHSU)*

- No updates from OHSU at this time.

**Warren Hanson:** Mark Johnston from Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) sent me an update:

- Community Right to Know (CR2K) has begun to conduct audits, either desk or on site, of marijuana and cannabis processing facilities and when applicable have them report their hazardous substances. If anyone has any questions about that or CR2K in general they may contact Mark Johnston or Todd Raska, the CR2K manager.

### Other Group Updates

**Kaci Buhl**, Associate Professor of Practice, *Oregon State University (OSU)*

- A brochure for the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) just went out to all the licensed applicators around the state.
  - a. We are doing our first webinar all in Spanish
  - b. Able to offer registration in Spanish.

**Serhan Mermer**, Director, *National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)*

- No updates from NPIC at this time.

### Letter to PARC agency heads

**Warren Hanson:** Both ODA and OHA are in the process of putting together a letter to PARC agency heads about following and updating SOP's, making sure that processes are understood and followed by staff, and that if any training is needed for the agency to pass along that information to ODA to ensure that they know the PARC process is understood. There  
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have been a number of issues that have been missed, and we want to reduce or eliminate that if possible.

**Jen Seamans:** Gilberto and I are in the process of finalizing the letter and then running it up the food chain for review.

**David Gruen:** Is the letter asking for anything specific? We met earlier this year with ODA to be proactive about any issues that come up between DEQ and ODA.

**Jen Seamans:** It's more for awareness and better alignment with SOP's.

**Rebecca:** There have been a number of instances where ODFW did not report in a timely manner, so we are going to probably need a training for better coordination with our new Land Resources Manager. We are going to try and get things better coordinated.

**Warren Hanson:** We are also in the process of updating our Coordinating Oregon's Response to Pesticide Incidents document, which is a collection of each agency's SOP's and about how PARC works.

### Dacthal Suspension

At the beginning of August, EPA issued an emergency order to suspend the use of dacthal to address health issues. This was based on a repeated failure of the registrant to provide requested toxicity studies about health and risk. In May of 2023, EPA produced a Occupational and Residential Risk document, which outlined that there were some pretty serious health issues related to dacthal, including fetal thyroid levels and a couple other health issues.

### EPA Endangered Species Act Presentation

See PowerPoint presentation at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/pesticides/pages/parc.aspx>  
(Look under PARC Board meeting materials for presentation and relevant documents)

### PARC Case Discussion

**Warren Hanson** - My database is currently down, so I am unable to pull up information about PARC cases. I will send out an email after the meeting with information about recent PARC cases.

**PARC # 25-0032** - Following a pesticide application at an apartment complex, a father and daughter reported adverse health effects starting on the day of the application. His neighbor also reported similar side effects that they believe are because of the treatment.

**PARC # 25-0037** - An inmate at a prison camp reported that the staff at the camp began using rodenticides to kill ground squirrels. The complainant also claimed that the dead squirrels were not removed from the area and were then eaten by bald eagles, vultures, and raptors. It was reported that there were sick and dying birds because of their predation of the poisoned squirrels.

The inmate also claimed that due to reporting the issue to the department responsible for applying the product, he was intimidated by the staff, reassigned jobs in the camp, and forced to change living quarters.

**PARC # 25-0049** – At least 30 Western Canada geese were found dead at Finley National Wildlife Refuge. It is all believed to be from one event, as all birds were found near the same marsh. Screenings for HPAI came back negative, so testing is being done to determine if the cause of the mortality may be Zinc phosphide.

### Public Comment

**David Gruen:** A recent email came in from EPA, with updated tolerance revocation for chlorpyrifos, and the potential for some continued sale of it through 2025. Can I get some clarification on this? It's a Pesticide of High Concern within the PSP, and it's on our radar. I just want to know how this will influence the availability of the chemical in the state of Oregon.

**See link at:** <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/pesticides/pages/parc.aspx>

For more information about chlorpyrifos and tolerances.

### Closing

The next PARC board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024, at 9am. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for that meeting, please let Warren know.