



**Pesticide Analytical and Response Center Board
Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2021
Held via videoconferencing
10:30 am to 12:00 Noon**

PARC Member Agencies Present

ODA – Rose Kachadoorian, PARC Board Administrator
OHA – Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair
ODF – Nathan Agalzoff
OR – OSHA – Garnett Cooke
DEQ – Kate Jackson
ODOT – Will Lackey
OHSU – OPC – Charisse Pizarro-Osilla
ODFW- Anne Hayden Lesmeister
OSU- Jeff Jenkins
ODA- Judith Callens

PARC Consultants Present

OHSU – Fred Berman

Other Persons Present

OHA – Crystal Weston
ODA- Michael Williams
ODA- Christina Higby

PARC Members Absent

OSFM- Michael Heffner

Agenda items in bold:

Introductions & Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. with housekeeping and review of the agenda.
2. Members and guests introduced themselves.
3. January's PARC Board minutes were reviewed, Callens recommended to accept minutes with a few corrections.

Agency Updates

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Oregon-OSHA)

Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke Reported that:
 - a. The Annual Pesticide Emphasis Report has been completed and sent out, but is not currently on the website.
 - b. The annual Pesticide Symposium is to be scheduled for March 9th and 10th. This will be a virtual event. The event will be shortened due to excessive screen exposure.
 - c. Cooke will be pushing forward with the development of a pesticide storage brochure. This will be based on a preexisting brochure from New York. Input from other agencies will be sought after in order to develop a document that is Oregon specific.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Kate Jackson, Regional Liaison, Western Region

1. Jackson Reported that:
 - a. DEQ is working on a renewal of the 2300-A General Pesticide Permit and an irrigation district specific permit 2000-J. This was issued back in mid-November. The 2300-A has a court specified time line to be completed by fall of 2021.
 - b. Oregon Fires
 - i. ETART (Erosion Threat Assessment and Reduction Team) has completed reports for all eight watersheds that were affected in a major way. From that drinking water source protection reports have been completed and are available on the DEQ website. There are large amounts of forest damage in water source areas. Drinking water providers are expecting heavy sediment loads and extra treatment needs.
 - ii. OHA drinking water services is performing additional tests at the consumer point of delivery in drinking water pipes. All issues will be identified in the Drinking Water Source Protection Report with advice to drinking water providers.
 - iii. Bear Creek fire damage
 1. Significant amounts of damage to the transportation corridor. This area was heavily invested with blackberries. Agencies and workers in this area have discovered that blackberries make the fire much more severe. There have been observations of tree survival in areas where blackberries have been reduced. Therefore, there is now a push for more proactive response to the removal of black berries. Communities in this area that have Integrated Pest Management plan to utilize RUPs and are requesting authorization for spot applications. Once this is done, replanting of natives will commence. This hopefully will serve as important fire prevention in the future.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Stephanie Page, Director of Natural Resources Program Area (NRPA)

1. Stephanie reported that:
 - a. Currently addressing Clopyralid investigation that was launched last year after receiving hundreds of complaints from home gardeners involving potentially contaminated compost. There are plans to begin a HOT WASH (after action review) of the process of working together for successful responses to future incidents. A request has been made to further discuss this in the March PARC board meeting. She suggests invitations be sent to sister agencies all groups associated to responding to these types of incidents.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Nathan Agalzoff, Incentives Field Support Coordinator

1. Agalzoff reports that:
 - a. The department focus has been on the implementation of senate bill 1602.
 - i. There will be additional protections including but not limited to
 1. Helicopter spray buffers
 2. Extension of protection areas
 3. More to come, including the adjustments to the functionality of FERNs (Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System)
 - b. ODF is also focusing on post fire recovery
 - i. The ETART (Erosion Threat Assessment and Reduction Team) will play a major role in prioritizing safety on state lands.
 - ii. There has been additional guidance that has gone out to field offices regarding hazardous tree removal, particularly around salvage, immediate threat to safety, infrastructure, and water quality.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Curtis Cude, Environmental & Occupational Health Program Coordinator

1. Cude reported that:
 - a. OHA is currently tracking HB2192 which would create an inter-agency science review panel for pesticides. This would be a five-member panel appointed by the governor that would review all new applications for pesticides and devices. Based on the panel's review the Oregon Department of Agriculture will take certain regulator actions. There will also be discussions concerning fiscal impacts as a result of the bill's passing.

Review of the Draft of the 2017-2019 Biennial Report Comments

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Stephanie Page, Director of Natural Resources Program Area (NRPA)

1. Stephanie explained the approach of this report:
 - a. This is a transitional report that is meant to be shorter and more solution focused.
 - b. Its goal is to focus on what we have learned from incidents over the past two years and what continuous improvements have been made.
 - c. The challenge with developing a real time report in a timely manner is that cases have not always been resolved by the time the report has been completed. At the conclusion of a case there is always additional data to be added to the PARC

database. A disclaimer was included in the report to address this. Data included in the report is subject to change.

- d. Request has been made for all comments to be submitted by close of business January 27th, 2021.

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Oregon-OSHA)

Garnet Cooke, Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke commented that:
 - a. It is important to address how hospitals respond to pesticide incidents.
 - i. Citing insufficient or inappropriate responses to victims involved in the Tillamook incident.
 - ii. This would have never come to light but for a fire marshal being invited to the HOT WASH.
 - b. Insurance is an important topic of discussion
 - i. Pesticide Storage
 1. She always stresses to growers that they need to review insurance policies
 2. This is something that could potentially be used in outreach material to home owners

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Rose Kachadoorian, Pesticide Program Manager

1. Kachadoorian commented that:
 - a. State standards must be clearly articulated in the report.
 - b. Hospitals should be included in role playing for incidents involving employees and hazardous materials.
 - c. One thing to consider when looking at the statute for PARC, is that there should be funding to cover damages to agricultural sites. These would be damages caused by inexperienced homeowners that are applying powerful or dangerous over-the-counter pesticides irresponsibly. The point being that PARC can play an active role in highlighting where there may be regulatory weaknesses.
 - d. Most insurance will not cover the use of pesticides.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Kate Jackson, Regional Liaison, Western Region

1. Jackson commented that:
 - a. Coordination between agencies could use refinement
 - i. Reference the Ashland incident

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Christina Higby, Citizen Advocate Liaison

1. Higby commented that:
 - a. The Ashland incident
 - i. She interacted with the effected individual after they were approached by several other different agencies. The lesson learned in this is that the Citizen Advocate Liaison should be brought in earlier in the discovery of a pesticide incident in order to better help the effected individual.

How Do We Refine PARC?

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Rose Kachadoorian, Pesticide Program Manager

1. Kachadoorian commented that:
 - a. We should revisit the statute that created PARC to insure that PARC is fulfilling the expectations from the legislature regarding communication, collaboration, and service to the public. This would include not only response, but education and the development of study material. Substantial changes were also implemented to improve and expand licensing and re-certification. This is vital to risk mitigation. How do we make this the best program it can possibly be?

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Crystal Weston, Pesticide Exposure, Safety and Tracking (PEST) Program

1. Weston commented that:
 - a. There has been an increase in the use of pesticides in suicide attempts. Particularly with rat poison and bleach. These incidents typically don't show up in suicide data due to high survival rates. Changes could be made in how we inform individuals regarding storage.
 - b. How do we go about educating the public without enabling them with more information on fatal toxicity levels?

Oregon Poison Control (OPC)

Charisse Pizarro-Osilla, Director

1. The quarterly report for bleach and disinfectants were just released. These will be re-distributed among the group. These reports do not specify self-harm. This data may be found by request.

Public Comments

None.