



PARC Board Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2018
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshall
Pray Conference Room
3565 Trelstad Ave SE, Salem OR 97317
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PARC Member Agencies Present

ODA – Stephanie Page, PARC Board Administrator
OHA - Curtis Cude, PARC Board Co-Chair
ODA - Theodore Bunch, PARC Board Co-Chair
Community Member - Jennifer Gervais
DEQ – Brian Boling (phone)
OSFM – Michael Heffner
OR-OSHA - Garnet Cooke

PARC Consultants Present

OHSU - Fred Berman
OSU - Jeff Jenkins
ODOT - Will Lackey

Other Persons Present

ODA - Christina Higby
OHA/PEST - Crystal Weston
ODA – Rose Kachadoorian

PARC Members Absent

ODF – Jay Walters
OPC - Sandy Giffin
ODFW - Danette Faucera

Agenda Items in bold

Introductions

1. Called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. and review of the meeting agenda.
2. Michael Heffner discussed campus overview and house rules.
3. Members and guests introduced themselves and provided agency updates.

Agency Updates

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Brian Boling, Laboratory Program Manager

1. Boling reported on the Pesticide Stewardship Program (PSP) work and the investment for new equipment (\$160,000) to allow them to perform a wider spectrum of pesticide detection work in water. DEQ plans to conduct method development in the fall to be ready for use next summer.
2. NPDES permit rule making is currently open for public comment.
3. Agency reorganization update – DEQ has a new leadership team with all positions now filled. DEQ's leadership is focused around the mediacentric model and they have hired a CIO (Chief Information Officer) for the first time.

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA)

Garnet Cooke - Pesticide Coordinator

1. Cooke reported that OR-OSHA has received over 1,000 comments on the Worker Protection Standards (WPS), Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ) proposed rules. The majority have come from the public sector. Some of the farm worker advocates are in support of the proposed changes; however, no decisions have been made on the final rule language. OR-OSHA's Administrator is currently reviewing the comments and drafting responses.
2. Tillamook's Shilo Inn PARC case – OR-OSHA is getting ready to close the case. Cooke reported Shilo Inn terminated their contract with Orkin and went with a new pest control company (Ecolab). Shilo Inn has already instituted changes to notify staff when contract work is being completed by outside contractors for a wide variety of work. The company has also reported they will have the SDSs (Safety Data Sheets) available at each of their front desks to give to first responders if an incident occurs in the future.
3. OR-OSHA is participating with ODA and OSU on generating information for stakeholders on WPS resource materials.
4. Cooke reported it is her hope to have something similar to DEQ's PSP work on monitoring for pesticide on labor housing.

Oregon Office of State Fire Marshall

Michael Heffner, Assistant Chief Deputy, Emergency Response Services Branch

1. Heffner reported he was happy to assist PARC in submitting information on the Tillamook Shilo Inn incident.
2. OSFM recently completed the 2018 HAZMAT conference. 120 responders, environmental regulators, and spill contractors participated. Approximately 3,800 hours of personnel training was provided at the conference.
3. OSFM is starting to look at a strategy to replace their equipment that helps to identify unknown liquids and powders. Significant investment of approximately three-quarters of a million dollars will be allocated.
4. Heffner reported a 2020 HAZMAT Conference is likely and is inviting PARC member agencies to come present and showcase how PARC works.
5. Heffner reported that OSFM's Local Purchasing Planning Conference is planned to be held around April/May of 2019 to discuss pesticide storage, release and response plans.
6. Heffner reported OSFM went through a reorganization of their agency. The Community Right-to-Know (CR2K) Program has been moved out to their own independent branch as a result.

Oregon State University (OSU)

Jeff Jenkins, Professor

1. Jenkins reported he is slated to do consulting work for the Lane County Public Works Department. Lane County passed an ordinance that requires all herbicide use on public rights-of-way must be pre-approved by an external board made up of mostly public health individuals. Jenkins report he has agreed to help the Public Works Department and provide trainings to address concerns that may come up.

Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Science (OHSU)

Fred Berman, Director of Toxicology Information Center

1. Berman announced that he is scheduled to retire at the end of June. Berman reported he is going to try and continue to work with PARC through OSU/NPIC and looking at how that could be accomplished.

PARC Board Community Member

Jennifer Gervais, Oregon Wildlife Institute

Nothing to report

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Stephanie Page, PARC Board Administrator/Natural Resource Program Area Director

1. Page deferred updates to ODA staff present.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Christina Higby, Citizen Advocate and Liaison

1. Higby reported receiving a concern from a member of the public about observed behavior from a wild rabbit she associated with the consumption of Acelepryn G pellets recently distributed in her yard. The individual's property was located in the Japanese Beetle eradication area in Washington County where properties were treated with Acelepryn G to combat the invasive Japanese beetle. Higby thanked both Fred Berman and ODFW who were contacted to address the individual's concerns.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Will Lackey – Vegetation Management Coordinator

1. Lackey reported that ODOT's Maintenance Department had the Dundee/Newberg bypass turned over to them last week and observed lupine in full bloom. ODOT's plan is to wait until later to mow it and then start spraying the shoulders the following year.
2. Lackey reported he has been conducting a lot of training. There have been several retirements and a lot of turnover. Lackey reported ODOT does all license training internally, which he provides himself and it is going well. Lackey has trained almost 200 people with a 90% success rate.

Oregon Department of Agriculture

Theodore Bunch, PARC Coordination Team Lead

1. Bunch provided an update at the request of Forestry: FERNS – ODF's online electronic services has been going well and they have received positive feedback.

2. Japanese Beetle – ODA’s Plant Program is in their 7th week of treatment: 5,300 residences, 4 parks, 5 schools, and 1 airport have been treated so far. Currently, ODA is in the process of serving warrants to those who have not responded to the notice or refused treatment. ODA is scheduled to conclude the treatments for this year at the end of May.
3. Tillamook’s Shilo Inn PARC incident update– Most of ODA’s investigation has wrapped up. ODA has requested label interpretation from EPA on one of the products used and are awaiting a response.
4. Crow death with Avitrol PARC incident update – Bunch reported that a data call-in was conducted to look at records from those who have bought the RUP (Restricted Use Pesticide). ODA found two applicators, both reported that they have not used it. ODA is now determining if they should extend the call-in to look at purchases made in Washington and will work with their Department of Agriculture in collecting that information.
5. Bunch reported on the news article he sent out to the PARC Board members about recent European Union ban on 3 neonicotinoids. Question for the U.S. is how this is going to affect tolerances to crops that have been treated with the banned products.
 - a. Rose added that last week she was at a recent meeting in which she was told that Canada was also reviewing the neonicotinoids and will possibly be cancelling imidacloprid not because of pollinators, but because of aquatic organisms. The rest of the neonicotinoids may have the same fate of being cancelled. However, because Canada is U.S.’s largest trading partner, the tolerances will likely stay on the books.
6. Bunch reported that the Water Quality Pesticide Management Team is putting finishing touches on the final report for the South Yamhill PSP. They are on version 13.
7. Bunch reported ODA’s Pesticide Program Investigator position recently closed and interviews should be conducted soon to fill the position.
8. Bunch gave a reminder to PARC member agencies to review and update their SOPs.
9. Bunch reported recently providing a PARC presentation to staff at the DEQ office in Eugene that work with permitting storm water and hazardous waste. The goal of the presentation was to increase communication when dealing with pesticide related incidents.

Oregon Health Authority

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

1. Weston reported that Tillamook’s Shilo Inn investigation is wrapping up and OHA is currently working on the report.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Curtis Cude, Environmental Public Health Surveillance Program Manager

1. Cude added on Weston’s update that last year’s incident at Coos Bay has helped OHA to build procedures to work through the Analytical report writing in a timely manner.
2. Cude reported that they plan to update and revise their SOPs.
3. Cude reported OHA is consulting with NIOSH on how to classify cases where the outcomes match an exposure, but not the expected exposure.

Public Comments

Scott Dahlman, Oregonians for Food and Shelter introduced himself and who he represents. He had no comments.

Presentation: Pesticide contaminants in EPA registered pesticide products

Rose Kachadoorian, Pesticide Registration and Certification Lead

Kachadoorian provided a presentation on ODA's Pesticide Program related to increased cases of pesticide impurities in other pesticides products and potential relationship to the 1996 Pesticide Registration Notice (PR Notice 96-8). The PR Notice lays out allowable tolerances for contamination of pesticides with other pesticides during the manufacturing or production process. ODA has found multiple incidents of pesticide products tested positive for contaminant of another pesticide product not listed on the label. Kachadoorian reported this has raised a larger concern for contaminants on crops that do not have a tolerance level for a contaminated product and the wider implications in the global market. As a result of this concern, a SFIREG issue paper written by Kachadoorian, and submitted to EPA, discusses concerns within the PR Notice 96-8 and proposed changes. The proposed changes include: the allowable contamination of other products not listed on the label be excluded from use in organic products; requests that herbicide products labeled for use on herbicide resistant crops which have over-the-top use directions, also be added to the exclusions list; and requests that contamination product must be approved for all sites listed on the label. ODA is requesting a comprehensive review by EPA of the PR Notice 96-8. ODA considers pesticide products with other pesticide contaminants not on the label as misbranded and adulterated.

Break – 10 minutes

Presentation: Oregon Community Right to Know

Michael Heffner, Assistant Chief Deputy, Emergency Response Services Branch, OSFM

Heffner provided an overview of the Community Right to Know (CR2K) Program and the new online interactive tool - [CHSManager](#) created for companies and the public to utilize. The online program was rolled out on January 1, 2018. Heffner described the website as a one stop shop the community can access to find out what hazardous substances are stored in their area. Facilities can also use the website to submit reports and response plans online. Heffner added that the website provides emergency responders and community planners with access to information to help them plan for emergency situations. Mapping features offered include vulnerable site locations (e.g. schools, daycares, and hospitals).

Meeting Minutes

PARC Board reviewed and approved January and March meeting minutes.

Contributing Factors (CF) Sheets

Bunch reported that of the 40 CF sheets that went out, 5 were incidents.

The majority of the concerns were Asian Gypsy Moth related to ODA's eradication efforts.

Case Criteria

Bunch reported that the Case Criteria document in the PARC Board member's folders should remain in the folder. Bunch will send out an email seeking comments on its content.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.