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Pesticide Application Safety Committee August 30th, 2023, 9am-12pm

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started in a few minutes

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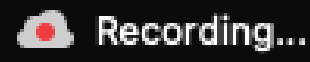
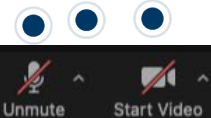
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Pesticide Application Safety Committee Agenda

9:00am to 12:00pm

Time	Topic	Speaker/Facilitator
9:00–9:15	Open Meeting Welcome and roll call Acknowledge new members Agenda Review	Griselda Arias Co-chairs and Committee Members
9:15 to 9:25	WSDA Pesticide Board HB1019- one pager	Kelly Davis Policy Assistant Pesticide Management Division Washington State Department of Agriculture
9:25 to 10:00	Discussion	All
10:00 to 10:15	Break	Committee Members
10:15 to 10:35	Public Comment	Public Attendees
10:35 to 11:35	Discussion with next steps	All
11:35 to 11:50	Next meeting / Action items/ Vacancies	Committee Members
11:55 to 12pm	Closing Remarks	Co-chairs and Committee Members

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Please notify meeting admin via Q\A chat box if you would like to sign up for public comment. They will provide you access to unmute and come on camera during public comment time.
- Public Comment Period will be 10:15am to 10:35am
- Written Comments can be submitted via email:
 - Griselda.arias@doh.wa.gov

Discussion

- Objective:
 - Based on today's discussion, what are some immediate next steps for DOH, WSDA, L&I, and the advisory workgroup to focus on this winter?
 - Are there any short-term tasks that could be initiated before the next meeting?
- The next few slides will re-review the advisory work groups gaps and opportunities. Some discussion questions have been created to aid in the discussion portion.
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Pesticide Advisory Board



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The Pesticide Advisory Board (PAB) was re-established* in the 2023 Legislative session to review and advise the Pesticide Management Division (PMD) of WSDA on activities and actions related to the Division's plans, actions, and ongoing or emerging significant issues related to pesticides in Washington State.

The mission of Pesticide Management Division (PMD) is to protect human health and the environment from pesticides by regulating the safe and legal distribution, use, handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of pesticides.

Pesticide Registration

- Review and register over 14,000 pesticide products for legal distribution in Washington state.
- Perform toxicity reviews of new active ingredients and aquatic use ingredients.
- Review and approve Special Local Need (SLN) registrations, Emergency Exemptions.
- Review and Issue Experimental Use Permits (EUP) - Necessary field research which addresses local and minor crop pest problems.

Pesticide Licensing and Recertification

- Provide initial testing and certification of pesticide applicators, dealers, consultants, and structural pest inspectors.
- Develop and maintain 33 unique pesticide license exams and standards.
- Administer continuing education credits and recertify active qualified pesticide licensees.
- Manage Licensing and recertification credits for approximately 30,000 pesticide licensees in WA.

Pesticide Compliance

- Enforce state and federal pesticide laws and rules under the authority of FIFRA and EPA Region 10 delegated authority as the state lead agency to enforce pesticide laws and rules.
- Investigate complaints related to possible pesticide misuse; improper storage, sales, distribution, or disposal; applicator licensing violations.
- Conduct field investigations and collect samples as needed for pesticide residue and analysis.
- Inspect pesticide application businesses, marketplaces (stores), distributors (sales), importers, manufacturers, and pesticide applications for compliance with state and federal pesticide requirements.

Technical Services and Education

- Provides bilingual (Spanish and English) training and certification of pesticide applicators, handlers, trainers, and others, including Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and safety education.
- Provides bilingual (Spanish and English) technical assistance to the agriculture industry related to the safe and legal use of pesticides and pesticide application equipment.
- Collects unusable and unwanted agricultural and commercial grade pesticides from state residents, farmers, small businesses, nonprofits, and public agencies.

In addition to work conducted by the pesticide programs the PAB may address the following issues:

- Crop and pest control challenges, including new invasive pests
- Proposed Rulemaking
- Pesticide Related Legislation—New Fees, Programs, or Projects
- Coordination with other State and Federal Agencies
- Emerging issues related to pesticides
- Water quality and other environmental issues related to pesticides

Program Contact Information

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**The PAB was initially established by the legislature in 1994 and then was struck from statute along with other state funded boards and committees by Governor Gregoire in 2010, due to the 2008 recession causing a state funding deficit.*

PASCO Sunset July 2025

- Given the sunset date of July 2025, do we want to start the conversation around extending the committee's duration?
- If we do pursue an extension, what would be our main arguments or justifications?
- How might the new WSDA Pesticide Board fit into the picture post-2025? Could it effectively take over for PASCO?
 - Are there gaps or overlaps between the work of this committee and the WSDA Pesticide Board?
- What are the logistics and timeline considerations if we decide to extend the committee's term through legislative action?
- If the committee does sunset in 2025, what would be the plan for transitioning its functions, data, and initiatives?

Data Utilization for Prevention

Focusing on comprehensive case studies and/or formal review process

- How can we improve the granularity of data collected on pesticide incidents to focus not just on quantity but also quality?
- What steps can agencies like DOH, WSDA, and L&I take to initiate a formal review process that channels this information to the right stakeholders?
- What would be the obstacles in implementing a case-by-case comprehensive review?
- Opportunities identified by AWG.
 - Gain a better understanding of root causes of exposure (practices, conditions, policies, procedures leading to exposures)
 - Formalized process to meet regularly and discuss cases looking at why they happened and what could be done to prevent
 - Consistency around reporting of human exposures

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- How can we better leverage data from routine inspections to inform prevention strategies?
- What steps can we take to analyze current prevention data?
- What methods can we employ to refine the data collected for future preventive efforts?
- Opportunities identified by AWG.
 - Routine Inspection Data
 - Valuable data collection points for prevention
 - Review existing data to determine what is available as part of investigations
 - Qualitative analysis of prevention narratives
 - Introduce new questions to the current investigation process if needed

Reporting Gaps

Insufficient reporting from the medical community, need to outreach to healthcare providers

- What strategies can be employed to encourage better reporting from the medical community?
- How can we specifically target healthcare providers in rural areas for improved reporting?
- What are the barriers that the medical community currently faces in reporting pesticide incidents?
- Opportunities identified by AWG.
 - outreach/education to health care provider
 - Raise awareness of how and when to report

Training Outreach

Limited focus on the broader ag workforce and communities

- What are the key takeaways from successful initiatives like the agricultural leadership program from WSDA and WA State Tree Fruit Association?
- How can these successful initiatives be replicated or scaled to achieve broader impact?
- How can we expand our training outreach programs to include the broader agricultural workforce and nearby communities?
- Are there potential partnerships that can be utilized to expand these training programs?
- Opportunities identified by AWG.
 - Agricultural Leadership Program (ALP) – direct line to farm supervisors and managers
 - message → audience → via the appropriate outreach avenue
 - Third party agencies i.e. Global Gap



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