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Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

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Annual Refresher Training Update

As we prepare for our rescheduled Part 46 refresher training we are once again hit with the dilemma, “should we or shouldn’t we”, “will we or won’t we”.

With the fourth surge in COVID-19 cases in Oregon they are facing shut downs and heightened restrictions and our annual refresher training is in jeopardy of being postponed.

Oregon is reporting more daily COVID-19 cases than it has in months. More than half of Oregon counties are at “high risk” for COVID-19 transmission.

Last week reports from Governor Brown’s office indicated several counties will be going back to extreme status, meaning large indoor gatherings will not be allowed. She will make her final announcement on Tuesday April 27th.

I have been in contact with both of our training locations. Albany which is in Linn County has been moved back to extreme risk and will be very limited to the amount of people in the class. Currently 50 will be allowed with 6’ social distancing and masks required. They are hopeful that by June this will change. Our other obstacle with Albany is that currently the court system has the conference rooms tied up thru mid-June, should they need to continue beyond that date it is possible our class will need to be rescheduled.

Douglas County currently is at 50 people-subject to change based on positive cases and any new governor’s orders. They are currently at High risk however they are not sure if they will be moved to the “Extreme” category. They hope to know more in May.

As of now we still have our dates set at both locations, but obviously this could change. As soon as I have new information I will pass it along. I have been in contact with our instructors and should we need an extension they will reach out to MSHA. We will hold off on that for now to see if things improve in May.

Please watch your emails for updated information.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kellie Ramar
Secretary

Safety
Topics:



Safepro 2021 June Law Institute:

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Understanding the laws and regulations that govern the mining industry are vital to managing your compliance and safety programs. Safepro covers the 1977 Act as amended by 2006 mine act in detail along with 30 CFR and program policies which give guidance to how the laws and regulations are to be enforced. The upcoming institute in Savannah June 14-17 will give you the knowledge coupled with your mining experience that allows you to improve on your current safety program and prepare for the imminent MSHA inspection. The Institute information will help you avoid bad citations and the knowledge to comply with the law and protect your people. The Safepro Institute information will add value to attendees and to their company. safeproinc.com

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