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## Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

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### Chairman's Message

Hope you all enjoyed the eclipse, partial or total, it was a fantastic sight. In mining-related news:

**WOTUS Update** – The EPA is asking for your input! As mentioned in previous newsletters, a “recodification” rule was proposed by the EPA to define Waters of the United States (WOTUS) using preexisting standards instead of the expanded definition under a 2015 WOTUS Rule, currently in suspension thanks to a judicial stay. The EPA’s 2017 proposed rule is the first step toward establishing the “...appropriate scope of waters of the United States.”

Comments from the public are requested using the following link, which can also be used to find the full text of the proposed rule:

<https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203-0001>

Please submit comments online by **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. It is important for miners to speak up about how the 2015 WOTUS Rule would impact their livelihood and create an inappropriate expansion of federal jurisdiction.

**MSHA has New (Temporary) Leadership** – Wayne Palmer will serve as acting assistant secretary to head MSHA, as announced by Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta on August 21<sup>st</sup>. MSHA had been without a director since Joe Main left the office in January 2017. Palmer’s previous experience includes being chief of staff for the Department of Labor. The temporary appointment does not require confirmation by the Senate. A permanent candidate is expected to be announced soon and will undergo the typical(?) confirmation process.

Have a terrific Labor Day weekend!

**Erick Staley**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** – On July 27, 2017, a miner was fatally injured when his light-duty truck was run over by a haul truck. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.



### **Best Practices**

- Do not park smaller vehicles in a large truck's potential path of movement.
- Before moving mobile equipment, be certain no one is in the intended path; sound the horn to warn possible unseen persons; and wait to give them time to move to a safe location.
- Ensure all persons are trained to recognize workplace hazards - specifically, the limited visibility and blind areas inherent to operation of large equipment and the hazard of mobile equipment traveling near them.
- Establish procedures that require smaller vehicles to maintain a safe distance from large mobile equipment until eye contact is made or approval to move closer is obtained from the mobile equipment operator. Provide training on these procedures.
- Install cameras and collision avoidance systems on large trucks to protect persons.
- Regularly monitor work practices and reinforce their importance. Take immediate action to correct unsafe conditions or work practices.

This is the 7th fatality reported in calendar year 2017 in metal and nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2016, there were 10 fatalities reported in metal and nonmetal mining. This is the 2nd Powered Haulage fatality in 2017. There were two Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2016.



## OIAA 2018 Part 46 Training

**Mark your calendars.** Dates have been set for our Annual Part 46 Training. The Law office of Adele Abrams will conduct the training. Registration forms will be available starting January 15<sup>th</sup>. Policy changes have been made for 2018, please read below for the new changes.

**Roseburg Class – March 12, 2018**  
**Albany Class – March 13, 2018**

### Reminder!!

### Changes have been made to our Annual Part 46 Training Registration Process

Starting in 2018 this will be a “Refresher Training” class only. If you have new miners they may attend and this course material will count towards the new miner training, but it will not cover all of it. Each company will need to provide the additional training required for their new miners.

**Registration will be on a first come first served basis this year.** Registration forms will be accepted starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you want one of our specific locations you must sign up early to insure that location. Late entrants will be offered space available only.

**Premier Corporate Membership** attendance will be free for all YOUR employees.

**Corporate Membership** attendance will be free for the first 10 employees. The cost for each additional employee will be \$100.00. You will be billed for the additional attendees after the training is completed.

**Associate Membership** attendance will be free for your first employee. The cost for each additional employee will be \$ 100.00. You will be billed for the additional attendees after the training is completed

***This training is for OIAA Member Employees only. If you have subcontractors working for you and you send them to the training they will need to register under their company name and pay the non-member fee. Only if they are on your company payroll are they considered your employees.***

If you have any questions please e-mail [memberreply@oraggreggate.com](mailto:memberreply@oraggreggate.com). Please include “Part 46 training” in the Subject Line.

## OIAA Scholarship for 2017



Our Scholarship application period is closed. We received three great applications this year. The Scholarship committee is busy reviewing them and a decision will be made soon. We will post our scholarship winners in the next month's newsletter. Thanks to all our members that promoted the scholarship application program throughout their company and to employees.

### ***2017 Board Meeting Schedule***

December 13, 2016- 10AM - Offices of KPD Insurance – Springfield, Or  
*(This is a mandatory closed work session meeting for all Board Members)*

### **APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

If you have fresh ideas or would like to become more active in our association by becoming a member of the Board of Directors we are currently accepting applications. Our Association is only as good as we each make it. Membership participation is an important part of our mission. If you are interested please e-mail our Secretary Kellie Ramar @ [memberreply@oraggregate.com](mailto:memberreply@oraggregate.com) or call her at (503) 849-5583 for more information

## **Safepro 2017 November Law Institute:**

Understand the laws and regulations that govern the mining industry are vital to managing your compliance and safety programs. Safepro covers the 1977 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 November 13- 17 will give you the knowledge coupled with your mining experience that allows you to be prepared for the imminent MSHA inspection. The Institute information will help you avoid bad citations and the knowledge to comply with the law. You will add value to yourself and your company by attending! Nothing works if your house isn't hazard-free.

Spouses are welcome if your company allows you to bring them. Shopping in Savannah is considered excellent. Malls and quaint Shoppe's are within easy walking distance from the hotel. Walking and riding tours of the city can be arranged during the week you are here. If you have any questions or wish to register, just contact us at [safeproinc.com](http://safeproinc.com). We want you to have a good time as well as a good learning experience. I look forward to seeing you Savannah Ga.

**Yours in Safe Production**

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