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## *Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter*

**December 2018**

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### **Chairman's Message**

The OIAA MSHA Management Training sessions were held earlier this month and were well attended. Thanks to Kim Redding of N-Compliance Safety Services and Matt DeAtley of DeAtley Law for providing their time and knowledge for this valuable training. As discussed during the sessions, changes at MSHA on a local level have resulted in questionable inspection practices and more significant fines. Being prepared and knowing your rights as a mine operator will be critical if inspections trend toward the unfair practices of ~10 years ago.

Affected OIAA members have reached out to the head of MSHA, David Zetazalo, and his staff. Fortunately officials at MSHA headquarters have been responsive and willing to discuss issues. In particular, Kim reached out to the new head of MSHA Metal/Nonmetal Mining to arrange an in-person meeting with Northwest miners. Stay tuned! This could happen early this year and on short notice.

In other news, it looks like the 2015 WOTUS (“waters of the U.S.”) might soon be gone. The EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers submitted proposals this month to rescind the 2015 definition and to formally define those waters in accordance with pre-2015 interpretations. The 2015 WOTUS would significantly expand the EPA’s jurisdiction to include waters within 4,000 feet of “navigable waters”, including dry stream beds and isolated wetlands. Public comments will be collected and addressed before any changes are made.

Hope you all have a happy and safe New Year,

***Erick Staley***

## **2019 Part 46 Training**



### **OIAA 2019 Part 46 Refresher Training**

Presented by: Adele Abrams & Josh Schultz

Roseburg Class – Douglas County Fairgrounds - March 11, 2019

Albany Class – Linn County Fair & Expo – March 12, 2019

Registration in 2019 will be on a first come first served basis so remember to register early to get the location you want.

Registration forms will be available beginning in January 2019. No pre-registrations will be taken prior to January 2019.

**Be watching for a separate e-mail from OIAA early January for your Registration Form**

**REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>.**



**From all of your OIAA Officers and Board Members**

***2018 Board Meeting Schedule***

*Note: The December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled*

*Next Meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> 10 AM*

*KPD Insurance, 111 Gateway Loop Springfield, Oregon 97477*

*(We will be using the meeting room upstairs)*

*This meeting is open to all Members*

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## ***Attention!!***

***We are looking for a few board members to replace those that we will be losing in 2019. If you are interested or would like more information on becoming a voice of your association please contact Chairman Erick Staley.***

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