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Chairman's Message

A few news items as we finish out the year, and frantically try to wrap up projects and presents alike:

New DOGAMI Enforcement – DOGAMI released their Winter 2020 ENGAGe Newsletter, which you can access from their website or use this link: https://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/news/ENGAGe_Winter_2020.pdf. Back in July, DOGAMI started addressing non-payment of permit renewals using a civil penalty program. Apparently, they experienced a significant change toward prompt payment of annual fees.

Going forward, DOGAMI plans to use civil penalties to enforce violations of mining without a permit. While this may not seem to apply to mines that are fully permitted, DOGAMI points out in their newsletter that any mining disturbance outside your permit boundary – including stockpiling, overburden storage, etc. – can be considered mining without a permit and be subject to their new penalty emphasis. Now is a good time to observe where your operation is located compared to your permit boundary. If you notice operations outside your boundary, proactively cleaning up can go a long way toward avoiding penalties that DOGAMI states could be as high as \$10,000 per day!

WOTUS update – The EPA sent a revised Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule to the White House for review prior to general release to the public. This follows EPA submitting for withdrawal of the 2015 WOTUS this past October, due to be officially withdrawn on Dec 23rd. The pending revised rule should avoid the quagmire of expansive federal jurisdiction that was in the 2015 version (pun intended).

No POV for 2019 – And to finish, a bit of good news shared with us by the Law Office of Adele Abrams. MSHA announced that none of the 13,000+ mines in the nation met the Pattern of Violation (POV) criteria in fiscal year 2019, the fifth consecutive year that MSHA recognized the industry for this.

We hope all of you enjoy quality time with friends and family around the holidays. Thanks for being a part of our industry and our Association.

And have a Happy New Year!

Erick Staley
Chairman

The Board of Directors would like to wish all our members and their families a very safe and Happy Holiday.

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The Annual Part 46 training is fast approaching. The Registration form will be sent out the first part of January. Be sure to watch for it via email and get registered as soon as possible as once again this year space will be limited.

There has been an instructor change for the 2020 Part 46 Training classes. Adele Abrams will be joining Josh Schultz for this year's training.



Class Dates for the year 2020 Part 46

Roseburg class will be on March 9, 2020

Albany Class will be on March 10, 2020

Our 2020 Board Meeting Schedule has not yet been established.

It will be made available in the January Newsletter