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Oregon Independent Aggregate Association

Newsletter

January 2022

Chairman's Message

We are encouraged by responses from a few members willing to step up and help OIAA continue to serve the industry. Hopefully a few more of you can join us and lend a hand. Our next meeting is February 2nd. The meeting will be held as a videoconference. Please contact Kellie Ramar or myself if you would like to attend.

In national regulatory news, the Trump-era definition for Waters of the United States (referred to as the "Navigable Waters Protection Rule") was vacated last year through a court case in Arizona. This month, the US Army Corps of Engineers announced it is reverting all decisions to the pre-Obama interpretation of WOTUS. This is an infamously unclear definition. Both the Obama and Trump administrations tried to address this, though in different directions.

The most significant effect for now is that any previous determination of federal-jurisdiction waters on your proposed mine site will now be re-interpreted by the older standard. Unless you already had your permit approved, onsite waters (wetlands, streams, etc.) could now be re-interpreted to be under federal jurisdiction and could impose different standards for an approved permit. Here is the Corps' announcement:

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Media/Announcements/Article/2888988/5-january-2022-navigable-waters-protection-rule-vacatur/>

At the state level, DOGAMI recently lost a couple of long-term employees. Ben Mundie, who served as an inspector and reclamationist for 28 years with the agency, retired at the end of 2021. Also, Bob Houston, who served as a legislative coordinator, took a position with a local mining company. We wish them well in these new and exciting changes. Both have significant institutional knowledge that will be hard to replace.

Take care, be safe, and let's hope 2022 is better for everyone.

Erick Staley
Chairman

As we continue to organize the association we will also continue to provide our Annual Part 46 Refresher training to all our members.

The classes this year have been moved back to March. Albany Class will be held on March 8th and the Roseburg class will be held on March 9th. We will go back to having one class in Roseburg. Josh Schultz and Adele Abrams will once again be instructing the classes. I have attached a registration form at the end of this newsletter for your use. I will also be sending them out individually to all our members. I will keep you informed of any COVID restrictions that we may have at the March classes so far there does not seem to be any. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you
Kellie Ramar
OIAA secretary

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Our next meeting will be February 2, 2022. It will be done via teleconference if you would like to join in please contact Erick Staley.

Board member applications are available and ready to be sent out. Please email memberreply@oraggregate.com.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy



January 15, 2022

ANNUAL PART 46 TRAINING REGISTRATION

Premier Corporate Members Free to all your employees

Corporate Members Free to the first 10 employee \$ 100.00 for each additional

Associate Members Free to your first employee \$ 100.00 for each additional

*Note: An Employee is someone on your actual payroll not contract company employees or Subcontractors
(Please check your membership type and pay for any additional employees accordingly)*

Non-members the charge is \$ 350.00 for small companies (1 – 2 attendees) and \$ 650.00 for larger companies (3 or more). Please complete the information below. An invoice will be mailed to you. If you want to join the association and receive a discount on this training please contact Kellie Ramar at (503) 849-5583

COVID RESTRICTIONS

We are unsure at this time what the COVID restrictions may be. You will be notified as we receive them.

Please circle the training date you wish to attend and list all the employees that will be attending

March 8, 2022 Linn County Fair & Expo- Albany Oregon 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

March 9, 2022 Douglas County Fair Grounds – Roseburg, Oregon 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail address _____

Please print clearly or type your employee’s first and last name that will be attending.

(Attach a second sheet if necessary)

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5	_____	15	_____
6	_____	16	_____
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9	_____	19	_____
10	_____	20	_____

Email your completed form to kramar@kenleahy.com or fax to 888-486-0361.

To make sure you don't get left off the list e-mail is recommended.

Only those registered will be allowed to attend. Please call with any name change requests (503) 849-5583