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Chairman's Message

Back in June I wrote about DOGAMI's rulemaking effort addressing "high-value" farm soils in the Willamette Valley. This is a long-overdue requirement resulting from the 2013 House Bill HB2202. DOGAMI formed a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) to discuss interests from various stakeholders to determine the language of the pending rule. The RAC had their third (and likely final) meeting on October 8th. One important change that has occurred since June is to have the rule apply only to sand and gravel sites. The logic being that high-value soils appropriate for Willamette Valley agriculture are located on old river deposits and not hard rock sites. The proposed rule language will be finalized by DOGAMI and then sent out for public comment. OIAA will announce when that occurs so members can review and submit comments to DOGAMI.

I want to thank DOGAMI staff for going out of their way to communicate with OIAA about the rulemaking process and to evaluate how this rule may affect OIAA members. Based on their review of member permit locations, the impact appears to be minimal for current sites. But members should be aware this rule will place additional controls on future mining operations and expansions/amendments located in the Willamette Valley.

Hope everyone is staying healthy and safe,

Erick Staley
Chairman

OIAA Donates money for fire victims in Oregon

To help those that have been devastated from the wild fires in Oregon the Oregon Independent Aggregate Association has donated money to the Silverton Lions Club for their "Santiam Kitchen Project" to feed firefighters and locals that have lost their homes and to the "McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals" project, as well as Oregon Logging Conference Repair and Recovery Fire Relief Fund. We are all saddened with the destruction and devastation that has been done by these fires. Together we will all get through this.

Kellie Ramar
OIAA Secretary



Safety Topics:



MINE FATALITY – On September 16, 2020, a truck driver attempted to adjust the brakes on his tri-axle truck while the engine was running, the automatic transmission was in drive and the parking brake was not set. The truck moved forward and fatally injured the victim.

Best Practices:

- **Before exiting**, place the transmission in park, set the parking brake, turn off the engine and activate the hazard warning lights.
- **Block equipment against motion** and place high visibility cones or other flagging or signage to caution oncoming traffic before working on equipment.
- **Maintain equipment braking systems** and repair and adjustment as necessary.
- **Conduct pre-operational examinations** using qualified personnel to identify and repair defects that may affect the safe operation of equipment before it is placed into service.
- **Train miners on site-specific hazards.**

MINE FATALITY – On September 1, 2020, a miner died when he fell while attempting to close a hatch on the top of a bulk material trailer. The miner was wearing a fall protection harness but his lanyard was not attached to a secure anchorage.

Best Practices:

- **Encourage the use of automated hatches** on tanks and trailers.

- **Provide and ensure the use of an effective fall arrest and secure anchorage system.**
- **Provide safe access to all work areas** and ensure truck and trailer access and work platforms are properly designed, maintained, and used.
- **Examine work areas and equipment.** Don't use unsafe work areas and equipment until repairs are made.
- **Refresh miner training** on safe work procedures after returning from periods of shutdown, and routinely monitor workhabits.

MINE FATALITY – On August 26, 2020, two miners were preparing a mobile track mounted jaw crusher for shipping off-site. The crusher was missing the upper wrist pin from the hydraulic cylinder that raises and lowers the right hopper extension. The right hopper extension was secured in place by wedges. The victim was removing wedges, and when a wedge was removed, the extension fell, crushing the victim.

Best Practices:

- **Block equipment against hazardous motion** before dismantling equipment.
- **Follow manufacturers' recommendations** when dismantling equipment.
- **Conduct adequate workplace examinations** and correct any defects affecting safety before dismantling equipment.
- **Establish and discuss safe work procedures** before beginning work.
- **Stay clear of suspended loads and raised equipment.**
- **Position yourself in a safe location** and away from potential "red-zone" areas.
- **Use ladders or other means of safe access** to perform maintenance.
- **Train miners to recognize potential hazardous conditions** and understand safe job procedures.

The OIAA sponsored Part 46 Refresher Training is offered every March to all our members in good standing. The dates have already been selected and information will be available after the first of the year.

Safepro MSHA Law Institute

The 2021 June Safepro Law Institute will be held in downtown Savannah Ga at the Hilton Garden Inn. Downtown Savannah offers many things to do and great restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

Safepro Institute will give you the information and knowledge to not only comply with MSHA law but to combat citations with which you do not agree. The institute covers the 1977 Mine Health and Safety Act as amended by the 2006 Miner's Act and 30 CFR standards. We will go into detail about Your company's responsibilities under the law and operator entitlements and inspector's responsibilities pertaining to the law. We will review what constitutes a S&S citation and 104d1 citation. You will be given a law manual which includes the two parts of the law and MSHA program policies. We will review a number of actual citations that have been issued over the years and how to defend against bad paper using the law manual. The seminar will cover part 46 training requirements and part 50 reporting requirements. By attending our institute, you will have the knowledge and confidence to handle the "imminent" MSHA inspection. Have your

game plan and your people ready; remember your house must be in order to keep the government from controlling your business.

This institute represents the best way to bring your new people up to speed and refresh your supervisors, managers and lead people.

Spouses are welcome if your company allows you to bring them.

The Safepro hospitality room will be open Sunday night and every night after class with food and drinks along with a chance to talk with your instructors about any problems you and your company may face. To register go to safeproinc.com.

We only have **twelve** spots open for the 2021 June Law class. If you have anyone that needs to come sign up early.

Yours in Safe Production,

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If anyone has any information they would like to share in next month's newsletter please let me know. Send your information to me at memberreply@oraggregate.com

We are currently looking for board members. If you are interested please contact the secretary for an application.

Nominations for 2021 Officers are now being accepted. Please share your voice and join our Board of Directors.

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**Our next virtual board meeting will be held on December 2, 2020 at 9AM.
If you are interested in attending please contact our Chairman Erick Staley.**

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Stay Safe, Stay Healthy