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Announcement

To: All FWA Members and Associates
From: James F. Fitzgerald, Executive Director
Subject: Worker Protection Act Meetings Scheduled
Date: October 20, 2016

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The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) will be holding a Worker Protection Safety stakeholder meeting to inform the public about rule changes regarding the Worker Protection Standard (Pesticide Safety) for workers and handlers. At these meetings, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) mandated changes to DOSH's current Chapter 296-307 WAC Safety Standards for Agriculture will be reviewed. EPA is revising the existing Worker Protection Standard (WPS), 40 CFR part 170, to reduce occupational pesticide exposure and incidents of related illness among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers covered by the rule. The entire final rule will be in force as of January, 2018.

The meetings are scheduled by state as follows:

WASHINGTON:

November 15, 2016 - (Meeting scheduled to start at 9) Yakima L&I Office located at 15 W Yakima Ave Suite 100 Yakima, WA 98902-3480.

November 16, 2016 - (Meeting scheduled to start at 9) Kennewick L&I Office located at 4310 W 24th Ave, Kennewick, WA 99338.

Point of Contact:

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OREGON:

Oregon OSHA has three WPS rules hearings* scheduled in Oregon:

- 11:00 am, November 29, 2016 at Pine Grove Grange (2900 Van Horn Drive Hood River, OR 97031)
- 10:00 am, December 1, 2016 at Woodburn Grange (908 N Settlemier Avenue, Woodburn, OR 97071)
- 10:00 am, December 7, 2016 at Medford/City Hall (Suite 340, 411 W 8th Street, Medford, OR 97501)

*These formal hearings are part of the rule-adoption process where anyone who wishes to speak about or present a written statement about the proposed rules -- for the public record -- is invited to do so.

Point of Contact:

Oregon OSHA, 350 Winter St NE, Ste 430, Salem, OR 97301 (503) 378-3272

IDAHO:

Significant changes to federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS) are scheduled to go into effect on January 2, 2017. The seminars will be focused on agricultural operators. Pesticide dealers, professional pesticide applicators and labor contractors. Training sessions for agricultural workers will be scheduled at a later date.

Each WPS educational seminar will be two hours long and held at locations across the state. Each seminar is listed in local time.

Southwest Idaho:

October 26, 2016	9 – 11a.m. Elks Lodge Caldwell
October 27, 2016	9 – 11a.m. Elks Lodge Mountain Home
October 28, 2016	9 – 11a.m. Clarion Inn Ontario, Oregon

Eastern Idaho:

November 15, 2016	9 – 11a.m. Ashton Community Center, Gym Ashton 2 – 4 p.m. ISU, CHE Bldg. Rm# 217 Idaho Falls
November 16, 2016	9 – 11a.m. City Hall, Council Chambers Rm. Rexburg 2 – 4 p.m. Shoshone Bannock Hotel Fort Hall

Central Idaho:

November 17, 2016	9 – 11a.m. Best Western Burley Inn Burley 2 – 4 p.m. CSI, Taylor Bldg., Rm# 277 Twin Falls
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The seminars will count towards recertification hours for certified applicators. For updates and additional information, please contact your nearest ISDA field office or the ISDA main office in Boise at (208) 332-8500.

When dates for Nevada and Utah become available we will share those as well.