

Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force #80 Meeting Summary

DATE: June 17, 2010

LOCATION: Department of Ecology Eastern Regional Office, Spokane WA.

<u>Members Present</u>		<u>Representing</u>
Karen Wood- Chair	Air Quality Program	Department of Ecology
Jay Penner	Washington Association of Wheat Growers	Agricultural Community
Dan McCarthy	Okanogan Horticultural Association	Agricultural Community
Larry Cochran	WA. Assn. of Conservation Districts	Conservation Districts
Michael Ingham	Alfalfa Seed Industry	Agricultural Community
John Cornwall	Grass Seed Industry	Grass Seed Industry
Gary Pruitt	Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency	Eastern Washington Local Air Authorities
<u>Alternates Present</u>		<u>Representing</u>
Chris Simpson	University Of Washington	Public Health
<u>Members Absent</u>		
Bill Johnston	Washington State University	Academia, (Crop & Soil)
Sverre Vedal	University Of Washington	Public Health
Michael Bush	WSU Extension	Academia, (Tree Fruit)
Jeff Canaan	WA. Dept. of Agricultural	WA. Dept. of Agriculture

Introductions, Announcements

The 80th Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force (Task Force) meeting was held on June 17th, 2010, at the Department of Ecology's Eastern Regional Office in Spokane, Washington. The Task Force meeting began with the introduction of Task Force members and guests.

The June meeting of the Task Force is normally reserved for hearing results of the research projects funded by the task force, as well as revising, amending, and approving the Best Management Practices, (BMP's) for the upcoming year. This meeting will also allow the Task Force to review changes to the Agricultural Burning portion of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) addressing agricultural burning which are necessary because of passage of Substitute Senate Bill 6556 in the 2010 legislative session.

Research

Karen Wood explained that the researcher who was scheduled to present results was unable to attend the meeting. He will present results at a future meeting.

Revised Agricultural Burning WAC discussion

An extensive discussion of bale burning took place in which the task force suggested removing references to bale burning in the revised WAC (which is as it exists presently) and retaining the system dealing with bale burning within the Best Management Practices and policy. The task force also made numerous recommendations on language and definitions. Public Hearings on the proposed rule making will likely be scheduled in Wenatchee and Dayton in the August-September timeframe.

Best Management Practices

The Task Force voted unanimously to renew all the existing Best Management Practices as is through December 31, 2010, to allow Ecology time to draft any amendments needed before the revised WAC takes effect in January, 2011.

Meeting #80 was adjourned at about 12:15 PM.