

Hazardous Drug Advisory Committee Summary

Tukwila Service Location
12806 Gateway Dr S Tukwila, WA 98168
September 14, 2015
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

DOSH Update – (standing agenda item)

- Alan Lundeen, Jeff Killip and Pam Cant
 - Rules
 - Status of draft rule modifications.

Pam Cant representative for Labor and Industries gave an over view of the upcoming rulemaking for WAC 296-62-500, Hazardous Drugs. A question came up about washing hands before donning gloves and whether that is really necessary part of employee safety and health. Labor and Business agreed that it was not a necessary step and more of a best practice. This issue will be addressed in the upcoming rulemaking for WAC 296-62-500..

Stakeholder meetings for the upcoming rulemaking:

Location:

Department of Labor and Industries
12806 Gateway Dr S
Training Room 1
Tukwila, WA 98168

Dates and times:

October 19th from 9:30am -12:30
October 21st from 9:00am -12:00
October 28th from 9:00am -12:00
November 4th from 9:00am-12:00

Alan said that there are no plans to extend the implementation dates for the ventilation requirements. He also said that the agency would not consider extending them unless both business and labor agree on an extension and if that happens they could submit a written request to DOSH for consideration. Alex this will be very expensive if business is to meet the current requirements and then when the rule changes the requirement changes.

Karen and Alex would like to have a phone conference with Alan to address this issue.

Pam discussed current to date enforcement activity regarding WA 296-62-500, Hazardous Drugs. There have been 3 inspections which 2 were required by Nursing and Long Term Care OSHA National Emphasis Program (NEP) This NEP required the state plans to look at Nursing Homes and do 3 inspections a year. We chose to take this time to take a look at their Hazardous Drug control plan. Not having a Hazardous Drug Control Plan was the main citation(s) resulting from these inspections.

DOSH is interested in doing environmental swipe sampling for Chemo and other hazardous drugs and may have an institution interested in participating.

Washington State Department of Ecology is holding legislative mandated stakeholder meetings regarding pharmaceutical waste. Labor and Industries is participating in these meetings.

Nominations for Committee Chairs Alan told the group that it is time to re-nominate the committee members. The department would be sending out notices to the organizations that nominated the current members and ask if they wanted to continue with the current member or nominate new ones. Next meeting will be January 11, 2016 at Tukwila Labor and Industries and we will go over the Charter and look at what the next year will look like. Possible upcoming topics are inspection data, research being done, scientific development, and Hazardous Drug rule update.

Karen Bowman – Labor update no update

Alex Truchot– Business update no update