

Chapter 296-307 WAC Safety standards for agriculture, Part I, Worker Protection Standard

Virtual Stakeholder Meeting Summary April 5, 2022, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Chapter 296-307 WAC, Safety standards for agriculture Part I, Worker Protection Standard (Labor and Industries)

And

Chapter 16-233 WAC, Worker Protection Standard (Washington State Department of Agriculture)

Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) Staff present: Bradley Farrar, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Safety and Health Specialist

David Gaw, DOSH Management Analyst Teri Neely, DOSH Technical Services Safety Program Manager Kat Gregersen, DOSH Industrial Hygiene Technical Policy & Laboratory Manager Cathy Coates, DOSH Administrative Regulations Analyst Laura Rascon Padilla, DOSH Industrial Hygienist

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Staff present:

Tim Schultz, Compliance Program Manager Kelle Davis, Policy Assistant Scott Nielsen, Case Review Officer

Interpretation Services:

Helen Eby Milena Waldron

Attendees and organizations represented:

There were approximately 56 attendees representing a wide variety of interests; including growers, workers; and, federal, and state government.

Preparatory:

Attendees provided electronic copies of the meeting materials via GovDelivery. Additional information located on the Worker Protection Rulemaking webpage.

Summary:

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

DOSH staff provided introductions for presenting panelists, an update on the rulemaking history to date, and, general virtual meeting etiquette.

Two interpreters provided concurrent translation.

Discussion:

WSDA and DOSH staff provided an overview of the draft language; including the purpose, rationale, and development of the draft language. The presentation included sources for language, including corresponding federal regulations or Washington Administrative Code.

Question and answer session:

Following the presentation of the discussion draft, WSDA and DOSH answered the questions submitted by attendees (submitted via Zoom Q&A application).

The two questions asked related to the rulemaking timeline; and, on how to obtain a copy of the matrix detailing the changes for both WSDA and L&I (comparison document with side-by-side comparison of WSDA and L&I changes). Attendees informed all meeting materials available on L&I's WPS specific rulemaking page.

Question and answer session concluded.

Following the presentation of the discussion draft, WSDA and DOSH staff thanked attendees for attending. Attendees informed the meeting summary from this meeting and, the discussion draft will be available on the WPS Rulemaking webpage within one to two weeks.

Meeting adjourned 3:29 p.m.