

# 2014 CRB Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

## February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Committee Members in Attendance

Cory Kress – eastern Idaho grower  
 Patti Gora-McRavin – environmental group – central Idaho  
 Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho  
 Tammy Hasenoehrl – central Idaho grower  
 Mike McGown – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10  
 Erik Olson – North Idaho Grower – Chair  
 David Patrick – south central Idaho grower  
 George Robinson – Idaho State Department of Agriculture  
 Tom Turco – Health profession  
 Courtney Washburn – environmental group – south Idaho – Vice Chair  
 Robert Wilkosz – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
 Julie Simpson – Nez Perce Tribe – Substitute for Andrea Boyer – via conference call

### Committee Members absent

Mark Fleisher – environmental group – central Idaho  
 Lester Higgins – Coeur d’Alene Tribe

### DEQ Senior Management Present

Curt Fransen – Director of DEQ  
 Tiffany Floyd – DEQ Air Quality Division Administrator

### Tenure of Committee Members – term ends after spring meeting

Ends 2016 (Appointed in 2012)	Ends 2017 (Appointed in 2013)
Lester Higgins – Coeur d’Alene Tribe	Andrea Boyer – Nez Perce Tribe
Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	Patti Gora-McRavin – environmental group
Courtney Washburn – environmental group	Marc Fleisher – environmental group
Thomas Turco – Health professional	Cory Kress – eastern Idaho grower
Erik Olson – North Idaho grower	Tammy Hasenoehrl – central Idaho grower
David Patrick – South central Idaho grower	George Robinson - ISDA
Mike McGown – EPA Region 10	
Robert Wilkosz – IDEQ	

### Chairman

Erik Olson served as Chair for this meeting. Courtney Washburn was elected as Vice Chair and will serve as Chair at the 2015 meeting.

## **Committee discussion and requests**

The committee requested DEQ coordinate a conference call to summarize the information that has been presented about ozone and the CRB program. The committee also requested DEQ coordinate a second CRB Advisory Committee meeting after the conference call to discuss a path forward on the ozone issue.

The committee discussed the length of the tenure of the committee members and decided to extend the tenure to 4 years for each committee member. The summary of tenure of the committee members above accounts for the new 4 year term.

## **DEQ did not present any recommended improvements to the Advisory Committee**

### **Recommendations to DEQ from Advisory Committee**

- Evaluate ozone and weather parameters for burn decisions in Coeur d'Alene area on all days in summer/fall, not just possible burn days.
- Develop a method that would still allow approvals for crop residue burning if the DEQ public website is down. This will ensure burn decisions/approvals are transparent to public.
- Develop an introductory packet for new committee members.
- Include the new process for evaluating when an ISP is repeatedly impacted (i.e., when enhanced documentation is triggered) in the summary of adverse impacts to ISPs in the annual report.
- Keep moving forward with pilot project in Boundary County and improving burn decisions.
- Continue to improve communication between smoke coordinator, grower, and office staff (e.g., when burning is shut down, increasing acres on a given burn day based on field staff observation, increase flexibility on timing of final burn approval)
- Continue to use burn day analysis on good burn days.
- Continue to evaluate monitoring network and look for opportunities to increase the number of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ozone monitors in Idaho for use in CRB Program.

- Continue to evaluate staffing needs of CRB program.

### **Recommendations Approved by the Director to be implemented in 2014**

- **Ozone in the Coeur d'Alene area** —Evaluate ozone and weather parameters used for the burn decisions in the Coeur d'Alene area on all days in summer and fall to evaluate the potential impact the ozone program concentration limit may have on burning on the Rathdrum Prairie.
- **DEQ Public Website** —Develop an alternative method to issue burn approvals and notify the public if the DEQ public website is down. The alternative method must be in accordance with Idaho Statute, Rules and the State Implementation Plan.
- **Advisory Committee Members**—Develop an introductory packet for new CRB Advisory Committee Members.

**DEQ has determined that the following recommendations from the Advisory Committee are part of the implementation of the CRB Program and, therefore, will not be tracked as recommendations.**

- Include the new process for evaluating when an ISP is repeatedly impacted (i.e., when enhanced documentation is triggered) in the summary of adverse impacts to ISPs in the annual report.
- Keep moving forward with pilot project in Boundary County and improving burn decisions.
- Continue to improve communication between smoke coordinator, grower, and office staff (e.g., when burning is shut down, increasing acres on a given burn day based on field staff observation, increase flexibility on timing of final burn approval)
- Continue to use burn day analysis on good burn days.
- Continue to evaluate monitoring network and look for opportunities to increase the number of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ozone monitors in Idaho for use in CRB Program.
- Continue to evaluate staffing needs of CRB program.

# July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## **Committee Members in Attendance**

Cory Kress –eastern Idaho grower – via conference call  
Patti Gora-McRavin – environmental group – central Idaho – via conference call  
Kevin Greenleaf – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho – via conference call  
Tammy Hasenoehrl – central Idaho grower  
Mike McGown – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10  
Erik Olson – North Idaho Grower – Chair – via conference call  
Tom Turco – Health profession  
Courtney Washburn – environmental group – south Idaho – Vice Chair  
Robert Wilkosz – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Andrea Boyer – Nez Perce Tribe – via conference call  
Mark Fleisher – environmental group – central Idaho – via conference call  
Lester Higgins – Coeur d’Alene Tribe – via conference call

## **Committee Members absent**

David Patrick – south central Idaho grower  
George Robinson – Idaho State Department of Agriculture

## **DEQ Senior Management Present**

Curt Fransen – Director of DEQ  
Tiffany Floyd – DEQ Air Quality Division Administrator

## **Committee discussion and requests**

The committee discussed how the ozone NAAQS is implemented in the CRB program and whether DEQ should enter into negotiated rulemaking to modify that implementation. Some committee members continued to express concern that modifying how the ozone NAAQS is implemented might reduce protection of public health. Other members expressed interest in pursuing changes. No clear path forward was identified by the committee. The committee requested that DEQ facilitate another full day Advisory Committee meeting on December 4, 2014 to continue this discussion. The meeting is scheduled 9am – 4pm MT on December 4, 2014 and will be held at the DEQ State Office in Boise Idaho.

The purpose of this December 4 meeting will be:

Discuss ozone implementation in the CRB Program and possible paths forward.