

PESTICIDE INCIDENT REPORTING AND TRACKING (PIRT)

REVIEW PANEL

JULY 15, 2008 MINUTES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TUMWATER, WASHINGTON

(APPROVED SEPTEMBER 18, 2008)

PANEL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Cynthia Lopez (CL), Chair (phone)	Department of Health	(360) 236-3340
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Karen Ripley (KR)	Department of Natural Resources	(360) 902-1691
Liesl Zappler (LZ) (phone)	Public Member	(425) 739.8100 EXT. 481

PANEL MEMBERS ABSENT :

Richard Fenske (RF)	University of Washington	(206) 543-0916
Bridget Moran (BM)	Department of Fish and Wildlife	(360) 902-2589
Ann Wick (AW)	Department of Agriculture	(360) 902-2051
Vacant	Toxicologist	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fran McBride (FM), Coordinator	Department of Health	(360) 236-3367
Barbara Morrissey (BFM)	Department of Health	(360) 236-3368

The meeting started at 1:00. Most panel members attended by phone. Panel members introduced themselves. CL announced that FM is recording the meeting to assist with writing the minutes, and only the PIRT-approved minutes are the official meeting record. CL proposed an agenda, starting with BFM's edits to the DOH section and the introduction, and then the executive summary, introduction and L&I section. CL also proposed that the PIRT activity section be discussed at the end of the meeting. KR moved to accept the proposed agenda. KM seconded, all were in favor.

BFM presented her short highlight on pyrethroid and pyrethrin cases for the DOH section. The highlight discusses an increase over time of definite, possible and probable illness and injury cases, symptoms associated with overexposure, and the emergence of more moderate and severe outcome, including two deaths. BFM streamlined a prior version by removing statistics from a market assessment for use and a sentence about statistical significance of a finding. (WH joined the meeting by phone at 1:08.)

AF pointed out a missing reference to a footnote (FM will correct), and suggested addition of "in press" for the footnote. FM will remove "accepted April 2008" from the footnote. No other

changes were made to the DOH section. KM moved to approve the DOH section. AF seconded, all were in favor.

BFM made changes to the *Combined Agency Data* section in the *Introduction* to better describe the combination of different types of data that PIRT agencies receive. She calculated the actual pesticide incidents, and described WPC calls separately. She also separated the WSDA complaints about licensing status and pest inspections and removed a confusing table on agency overlap. BFM suggested that for next year, WSDA separate the numbers of wood destroying organism and licensing complaints from pesticide incidents, so we can compile a more precise estimate of the number of actual pesticide incidents. WH moved to approve the revisions, KM seconded, all were in favor.

ACTION: FM will inform WSDA of the suggestion to separate the complaints and violations from the incidents for the 2008 PIRT report.

Executive Summary

FM put forth comments from Gregg Grunenfelder from DOH:

- In the first paragraph, cite the specific section of the RCW that creates the PIRT Panel. CL proposed citing RCW.104.070 through 104.090, as those sections encompass both the creation and responsibilities of the panel, at the end of the sentence. LZ seconded; all were in favor.
- In the second paragraph, broaden the audience of PIRT Report. CL suggested “PIRT submits... to the legislature, Governor, agency heads and the public.” LZ seconded, all were in favor.
- In recommendation one, fourth sentence, remove “understaffing” and replace with “staff vacancies.”

After discussion, KR moved to follow his suggestions. AF seconded, all were in favor.

Recommendation Two - CL made a motion to shorten the quote in the seventh sentence. LZ seconded, all were in favor.

Recommendation Four - CL proposed minor changes to the fourth sentence - stop at “children,” delete “but,” and start next sentence with “Fortunately.” WH seconded, all were in favor.

Recommendation Five - CL suggested removing “to the incidents” from the third sentence. KR moved to accept the change. KM seconded, all were in favor.

Recommendation Six - AF asked whether the first sentence should really say that drift is the number one source of “illness,” rather than of incidents or complaints. CL explained that one drift event may affect a number of people. AF moved to allow CL and BFM to verify that “illness” is the appropriate word. KM seconded, all were in favor.

ACTION: CL and BFM will check this statement.

Recommendation Seven - WH moved to change last sentence to “WPC uses a telephone interpretation service...” AF seconded, all were in favor.

Recommendation Eight - AF suggested adding to first sentence “and safe mosquito management...” KM seconded, all were in favor.

CL asked whether there were new phone participants on the phone. There was no response.

Department of Health – AF suggested that DOH insert language if drift is indeed the number one cause of pesticide illness. KR moved to give DOH authority to do that at their discretion. LZ seconded, all were in favor.

Labor and Industries – FM will insert numbers in the last paragraph and send to PE. CL moved to authorize PE and FM to finalize the last paragraph. KR seconded, all were in favor.

ACTION: FM will email numbers to PE.

WPC - LZ suggested removing “In 2006” from fourth sentence. AF moved to start the sentence with “Thirty-six...” WH seconded, all were in favor.

Introduction

KR recommended citing the whole PIRT RCW in the first sentence, as in the executive summary. CL seconded, all were in favor.

FM brought forth a minor change from Gregg Grunenfelder in the DOH bullet on page four (insert “health care” before “provider.”) WH moved to change the sentence to say “need to have seen or been referred to a health care provider to trigger an investigation.” AF seconded, all were in favor.

FM wanted to address a question from Bob Arrington about WSDA response time, but no WSDA representatives were present at the meeting. KR moved to authorize FM to investigate. If she can’t get a response from WSDA in a timely manner, she should proceed with the report as written. WH seconded, all were in favor.

Labor and Industries

FM read changes in this section concerning a decrease in DOSH inspections and differences in classification over time. These were discussed at the June PIRT meeting. PE felt she would have to bring the changes back to her manager. AF suggested insertion of “the agency is uncertain why the number of inspections appeared to decline in 2006....” PE will bring all changes to her manager. WH seconded, all were in favor.

KR asked for clarification on the changes, and there was further discussion. WH suggested that PIRT representatives pass on information on data analysis for the PIRT report to their successors. The panel came to the conclusion that the L&I section met the requirements of the PIRT RCW. KR moved that the panel withdraw the previous motion and that the L&I section stays as originally written without changes. AF seconded. CL opposed, all else were in favor.

PIRT Activities

FM will compile the 2007 PIRT activities in tabular form as an appendix. This will include speakers, subcommittees, PIRT letters and action recommendations. There is no data or interpretation involved. Since the next PIRT meeting is in September, and this would be too late for

PIRT to review the section, KR moved to delegate authority for this task to DOH support staff. WH seconded, all were in favor.

AF moved to approve the 2007 PIRT report. LZ seconded, all were in favor. FM explained the next step of report formatting. After the report is formatted, DOH upper management will review it, and then, OFM. Since OFM saw the preliminary report, their review time may be shortened. After review, the report can be posted on the PIRT website while it goes to publication for printing.

KM informed the panel that the July 17 meeting would be her last, as she was leaving Ecology. The agency director will have a new designee in place by the September meeting.

Future Meetings

The next meeting will be September 18 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Department of Health in Tumwater. The draft agenda will be posted at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/Pirt/pirt-meetings.htm>. Meeting materials will be posted, if available prior to the posting deadline.