

Meeting with Director Garrett, Robin Freeman, Patrick Cooney, Tom Kerns, Lisa Arkin

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Agenda

1. Report on [“Assessing the Environmental Impact Quotient for Pesticide Use”](#)
 - a. Recommendations in the Report
 - i. Pollution Reduction as a clear Agency Goal -- 25% reduction goal in each District over 2010-2015 – Measurement
 - ii. Goal Setting, Plans and Measurement
 1. Costs: Develop realistic comparisons (e.g. chemical purchasing vs mowing = a false comparison)
 - iii. Protecting School Children near Schools and Bus Stops
 1. Implement a 300 yard no-spray buffer zone for school bus stops.
2. Science Community’s Message about Pesticides and Environmental Health
 - a. [President’s Cancer Panel](#)
 - b. USGS Studies
 - c. Liabilities under the Clean Water Act – [MOU between ODOT/DEQ](#)
3. Leadership from the ODOT and OTC:
 - a. Prioritize the protection of human (particularly children) and environmental health, water quality and native fish habitat.
 - i. Example of ODOT 2010 Annual Report: No mention of environmental protection or Integrated Vegetation Management or staff training.
 - b. Director provides for **annual planning** and **crew training** at the area level.
 - i. Example 1: 50% of shoulder miles in Western Washington are mowed and graded and NOT sprayed (keeps edge from building up a sod mat).
 - ii. Example 2: Limit maintenance zone for spray to no more than 2 ft. width (rather than the 8 -10 foot width; Oregon is the only state with such wide spray zones)
 - iii. Stump treatments rather than foliar (“in the air”) spray.
 - c. Create opportunities for Vegetation and Maintenance Managers to travel to Washington for peer-to-peer education.
4. Visionary Leadership
 - a. Support State IPM with all agencies