

# Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force #104 Meeting Summary

DATE: June 6, 2018

LOCATION: Department of Ecology Eastern Regional Office, Spokane WA.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>		<b><u>Representing</u></b>
Dave Knight- Chair	Air Quality Program	Department of Ecology
Dan McCarthy	Okanogan Horticultural Association	Agricultural Community
Julie Oliver	Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency	Eastern Washington Local Air Authorities
Mike Buckley	Alfalfa Seed Industry	Agricultural Community
Troy Henderson	Whitman County Public Health Department	Public Health
Larry Cochran	Washington Association of Conservation Districts	Conservation Districts
Scott Steinbacher	WA. Dept of Agriculture	WA. Dept. of Agriculture

## **Introductions, Announcements**

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The 104<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force (Task Force) meeting was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at the Department of Ecology's Eastern Regional Office in Spokane, Washington. The Task Force meeting began with the introduction of Task Force members and guests.

The June meeting is reserved for making research decisions, making changes to the Best Management Practices (BMPs) and hearing research project reports,.

## **Summer Weather Forecast**

Jacob Wolf of the National Weather Service presented the Task Force with information about summer weather trends.

## **Agricultural Burn Program News**

Kary Peterson, from Ecology's Eastern Regional Office, presented information on how the spring season has proceeded in regards to agricultural burning. Highlights included a high numbers of orchard burns due to fire-blight, and the continuation of a decrease in the number of acres of Agricultural burning in the 2017-2018 period.

## **Changing the Number of Meeting per year for the Task Force**

Chairman Knight brought up the idea of having less than three meetings for year. The February meeting is the meeting which is most likely to be dropped, according to the discussion which followed. The members unanimously voted to change the governance to reflect that at least two meetings will be required each year.

### **Research Update Presentations and Future Research Direction**

There were no research presentations at this meeting.

### **BMP's**

All of the Agricultural Burning BMPs were accepted without change for the coming year.

The next meeting will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.