Kittitas County Public Health Department Air Quality Advisory Committee (AQAC) Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 12, 2014
10:00 a.m.

In attendance:
Erin Moore, Amy Fuller, Holly Myers, Robin Read, Camille Bennett, Pam McMullin-Messier, Joe Seemiller, Josh Hink, Kelsey Gibbs

Holly Myers reviewed the education and outreach goals outline and work plan. As part of our work plan we are going to circulate educational materials. Holly passed around a brochure the KCPHD intern, Sonora Stampfly, had been working on. Holly welcomed edits on this brochure. The group discussed where distribution of these materials would be:

• Fire Marshall’s office/inspections
• Fire stations
• Library
• Realtor’s offices
• Doctor’s offices
• Wood permitting offices (DNR, Chamber, Forest Service)
• Armstrong’s
• Midstate, Ranch & Home
• County Website (Fire Marshall & Public Health)

The group also discussed the distribution plan on campus and what our target is:

• CWU intranet
• CWU radio
• CWU newspaper (Observer)

The committee decided that the on campus message would be around where to get information about burn bans and air quality announcements.

These materials will be ready to publish by December 18, 2014.

Holly reviewed that the Ellensburg library was going to let the AQAC have a display during the entire month of January. The display will have:

• Books about air quality/burning
• Information about what is legal/illegal to burn
• Dry, seasoned wood vs. we wood examples
• Opacity education
Holly welcomed additional ideas from the group.

Amy fuller briefly discussed the newspaper “Air Quality Corner” articles. The frequency of the articles is yet to be determined, but KCPHD staff is starting to draft broad messaging around air quality. These messages will include:

- Assessment results
- Air quality monitors
- Burning
- PM 2.5

The group continued to discuss ideas of how to get information about air quality to the public. The conversation will be continued until the next meeting.

The next AQAC meeting will be