

OUDDPC Exemptions Subcommittee

Conference Call 1/28/2019

2:00 – 3:00

Call Participants: Dave Berens, Lawrence Hamilton, Scott Lucas, Regan Noble, Darren Owens, Mark Ritter, Steve Schafer, Les Shell, Kevin Schimming, Al Tonetti, Charles Willoughby, Joe Igel, Jeff Kursman, Alice Miller

Alice Miller opened the call by suggesting that in addition to the discussion today, the subcommittee may want to choose a representative who will share the subcommittee's work with the larger OUDPC when it reconvenes in March or April.

Steve Schafer opened the discussion by asking if the goal of the group is to rewrite the (exemption) language in order for Ohio to become eligible for PHMSA grants, or is there another goal we should address. A discussion followed about the multiple versions of exemption language that had been submitted to the OUDPC previously, and whether using language that exempts the activity rather than the entity creates a safer working environment within Ohio. PHMSA's rulemaking – which made Ohio ineligible for damage prevention and one-call grants were briefly reviewed.

Al Tonetti suggested that we look at data regarding exemptions (activities/entities) and damages/safety in order to help us make the best decision. Steve Schafer suggested Alice do the research; Alice asked those that may have statistics/data resources to send any available links to her. Al Tonetti will send Alice a PHMSA link he has found to be useful.

Subcommittee members agreed that looking at available data, and then continuing the discussion, was the best course of action.

Darren Owens volunteered to serve as the subcommittee representative.

Alice will provide research finding to the group by February 7th and a second conference call has been scheduled for Monday, February 11th from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Submitted By: Alice Miller 1/29/2019