

OJUA Inspection Correction Efficiency (ICE) Committee

The Oregon Joint Use Association (OJUA) is a self-sustaining nonprofit association that was established to build trust, cooperation and organization between support structure (pole) owners, users and government entities that will result in a safe and efficient use of the Right of Way.

The OJUA recognizes the need to address industry concerns of inefficiencies that are present while operators work to comply with the Oregon Administrative Rules 860-024-0011 and 860-024-0012 governing mandated timeframes for pole inspections and corrections for the violations discovered.



The OJUA convened a committee, the Inspection Correction Efficiency Committee (ICE) to address these concerns. The ICE scoping statement:

“The misalignment of inspection schedules and differing inspection criteria results in increased administrative burden and reduces operational efficiency without commensurately increasing safety.”

We are eighteen months into this effort to help all operators in the State save money on their mandated inspections by creating the groundwork for joint inspection activity. The objective is for power and communication operators, and others, to jointly inspect in the same 10% of the power service area using a single inspector – the idea is “just one trip to the pole”. This should create the efficiencies we seek by sharing the inspection costs, and eliminating the administrative and duplicative costs that arise with violation Notices, and Plans of Correction.

A successful collaborative inspection program should provide these benefits:

- Build trust, develop relationships, and improve coordination with all participating entities.
- Clarified expectations among parties.
- Cost savings through increased efficiency.
- Reduced number of visits to the pole.
- Improved customer perception.
- Established geographic areas that are “clean” (providing correction program follows inspection program).
- Increased compliance.

We need to maximize participation for the success of this effort. Most operators in Oregon are already aware and involved. For those not involved in the OJUA, please email the OJUA with the contact information of the person at your company is who is in charge of your inspection and correction program, so we may help you to join this program to save money and time!

To learn more about the OJUA, please visit our website at www.ojua.org or contact our staff at 503-378-0595 or via email at genoa@ojua.org.
