

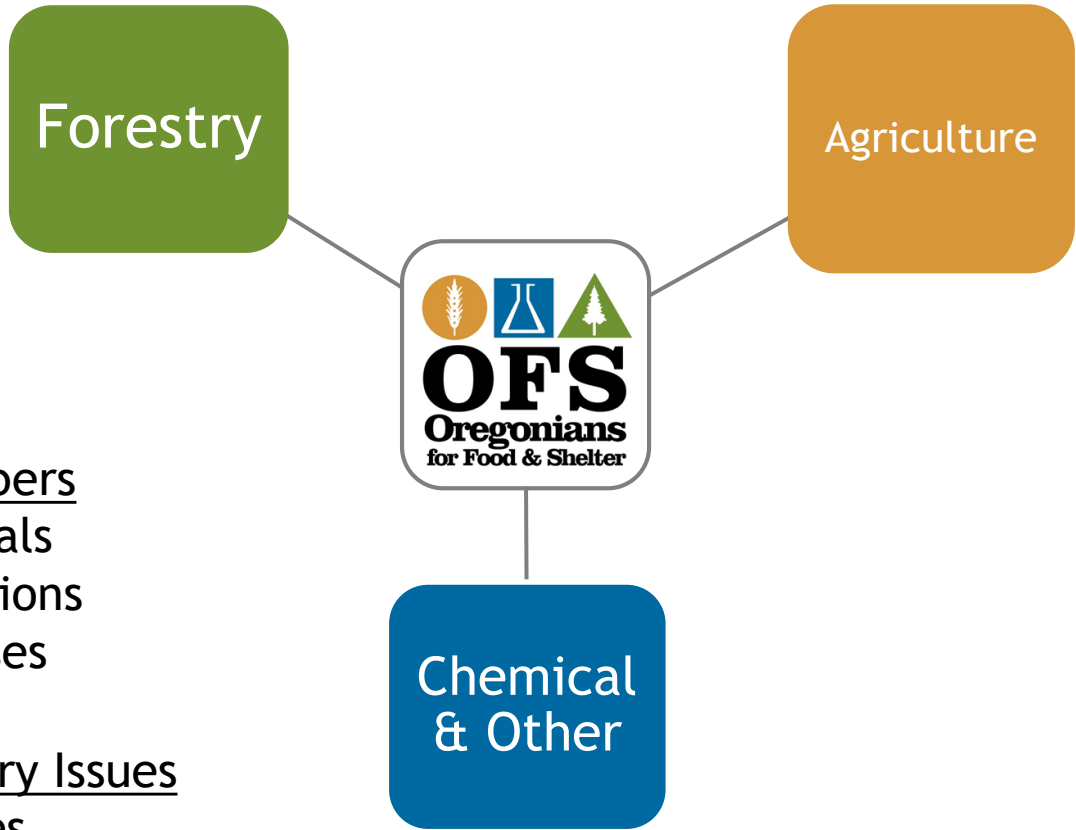
Political Issues in Oregon

December 5, 2019

Katie Fast

Oregonians for Food & Shelter





OFS Members

- Individuals
- Associations
- Businesses

OFS Primary Issues

- Pesticides
- Fertilizer
- Biotechnology

A non-profit coalition promoting the responsible use of pesticides, fertilizer and biotechnology

Legislature

▶ **Governor Kate Brown (D-Portland)**

▶ **Senate**

- 18 Democrats
- 12 Republicans

▶ **House**

- 38 Democrats
- 22 Republicans

▶ ***Super Majority in both chambers***

Senate President

Peter Courtney (D-Salem)

Senate Majority Leader

Ginny Burdick (D-Portland)

Speaker of the House

Tina Kotek (D-Portland)

House Majority Leader

Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland)

2019 Legislative Session

Climate Policies and Cap & Trade

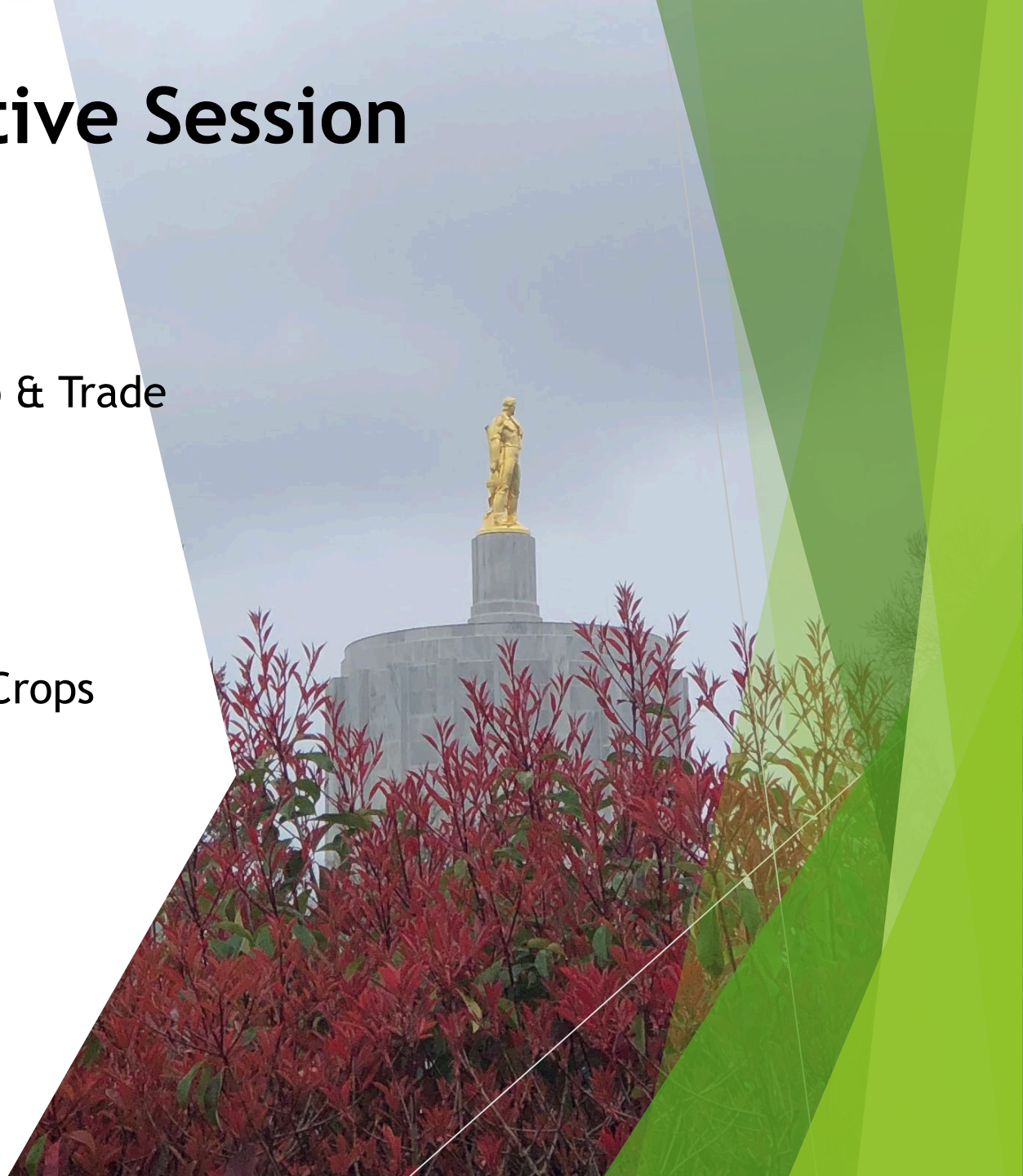
Taxes

Labor

Pesticides

Genetically Engineered Crops

Water, Water, Water



Committee Leadership

▶ House

- Agriculture and Land Use - Brian Clem (D-Salem)
- Natural Resources - Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie)
- Energy & Environment - Ken Helm (D-Beaverton)

▶ Senate

- Environment & Natural Resources - Michael Dembrow (D-NE Portland)

▶ Ways & Means

- Senator Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose)
- Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward (D-NW Portland)
- Representative Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis)



During the 2019 legislative session, **seventeen pesticide-related bills** were introduced.

Other than two agency-related bills, all had major policy implications for applicators.

Why does this matter to me?

Your Issue

Not Your Issue



2019 Pesticide Legislation

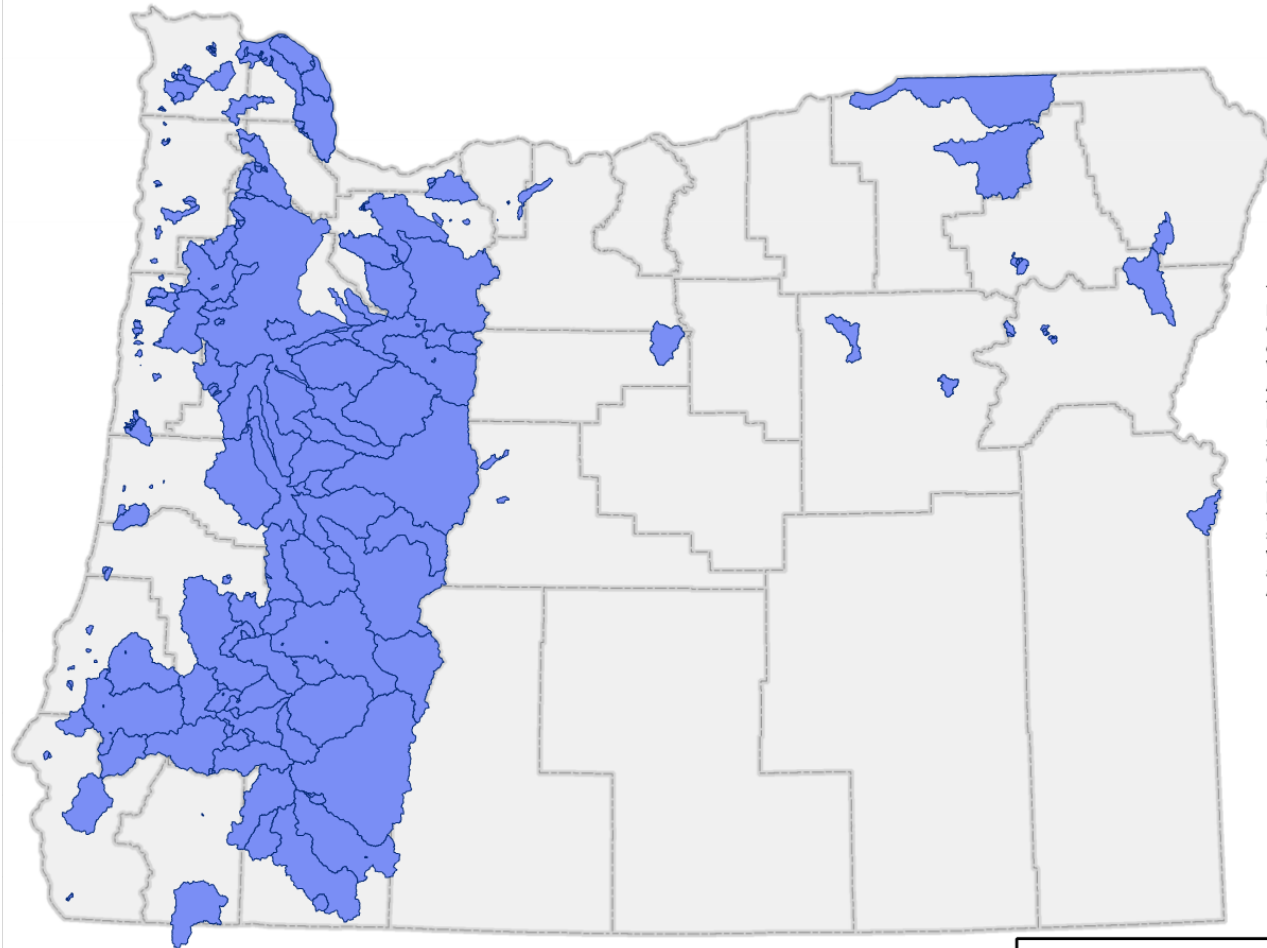
- ▶ **HB 2493** - Prohibits aerial application of pesticides within the McKenzie and Santiam watersheds.



2019 Pesticide Legislation



- ▶ **HB 2493** - Prohibits aerial application of pesticides within the McKenzie and Santiam watersheds.
- ▶ **HB 2656** - Prohibits harvest, road building and pesticide and fertilizer applications in forests that serve as drinking water sources. Shuts down active forest management in most of the coast range and the Willamette Valley.

Drinking Water Source Areas for Oregon Public Water Systems - Surface Water



This map includes Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Department of Human Services' Drinking Water Program Source Water Assessment source area results for community, and non-transient non-community public water systems that were active in October 2018. Additional source areas are added as information becomes available including transient non-community water systems. Information on private water supplies was not collected as part of the Source Water Assessment project.

Legend

-  Source area for surface water intakes
-  County boundary

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division
Drinking Water Protection Program GIS
File: DWP\Map\Graphics\GIS_for_Web_Page\Map_PDF_State_map_template.mxd
Projection: Oregon Lambert (Lambert Conformal Conic)
GCS: North_American_1983, Datum: D_North_American_1983
Prepared by: B. Fullrose (Version 9, October 31, 2018)
Project: 310x0318 (b6)

2019 Pesticide Legislation

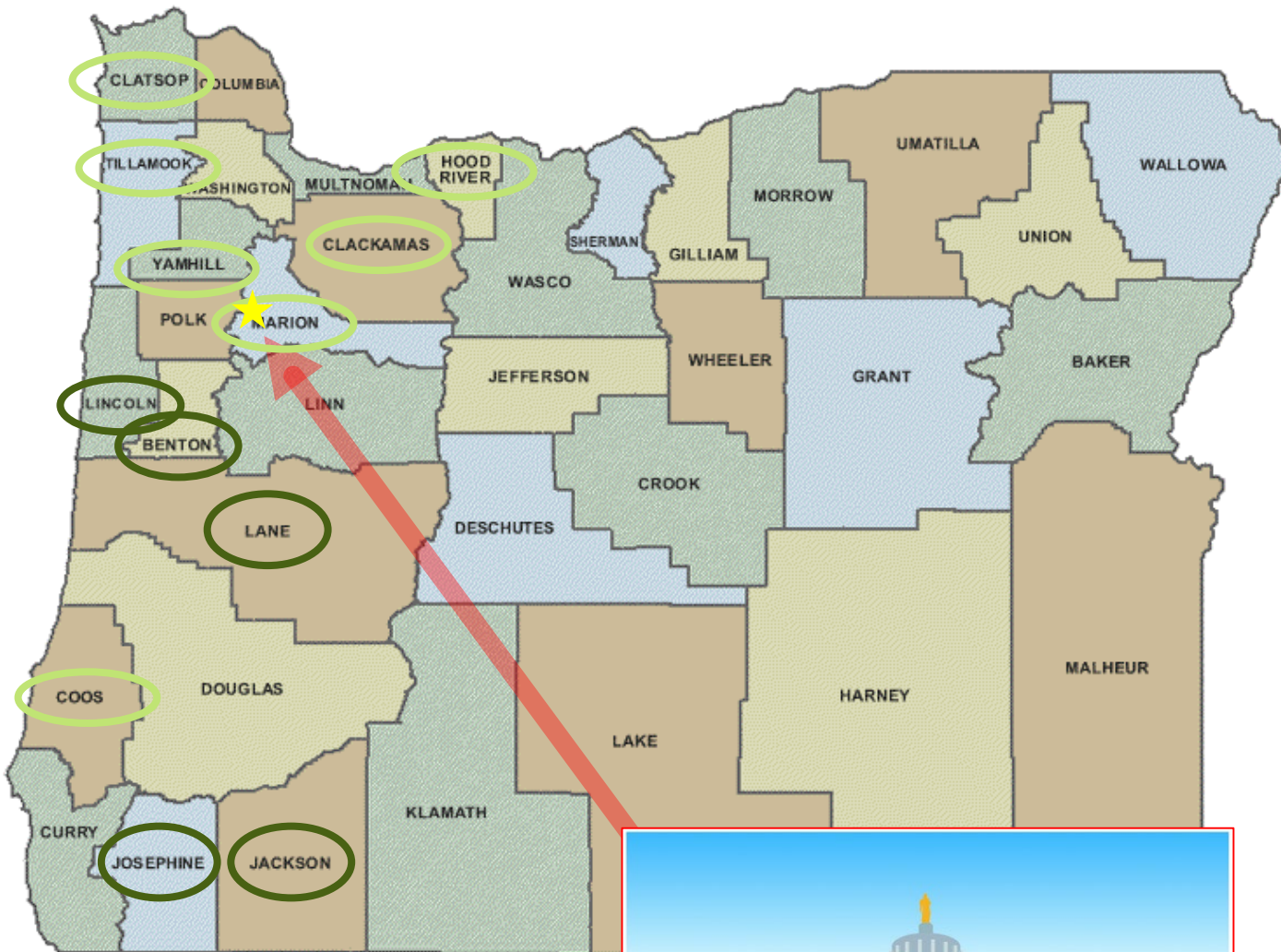
- ▶ **HB 2493** - Prohibits aerial application of pesticides within the McKenzie and Santiam watersheds.
- ▶ **HB 2656** - Prohibits harvest, road building and pesticide and fertilizer applications in forests that serve as drinking water sources. Shuts down active forest management in most of the coast range and the Willamette Valley.
- ▶ **HB 3042** - Amends pesticide preemption by eliminating aerial applications from the policy.
- ▶ **HB 3044** - Creates a new pesticide regulatory and notification program at DEQ.

2019 Pesticide Legislation

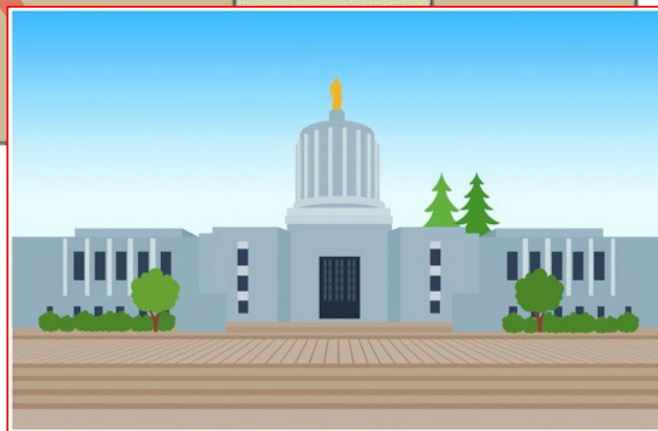
- ▶ **HB 3221/SB 926** - Prohibits aerial application of pesticides on state forestlands.
- ▶ **SB 853** - Prohibits the sale and use of Chlorpyrifos and reclassifies neonicotinoids as restricted use products.
- ▶ **SB 931** - Mandates notification of forestry applications and post application reporting.

2019 Pesticide Legislation

- ▶ HB 2619 - Originally prohibited sale, purchase or use of pesticide products containing neonicotinoid. *Amended to ban Chlorpyrifos, died in House Rules Committee
- ▶ HB 2816 - Establishes Task Force on Integrated Pest Management to study coordination of integrated pest management in public universities and state agencies.
- ▶ HB 2980 - Extends the sunset date of Pesticide Use Reporting system.
- ▶ HB 3058 - Originally prohibited the sale and use of Chlorpyrifos and reclassified neonicotinoids as restricted use products. *Requires a study and registration review by ODA of Chlorpyrifos, died in Ways & Means Committee



The Ground Game: A Shift in Strategy





Local Initiatives

Lincoln County

- ▶ Aerial Pesticide Ban

Lane County

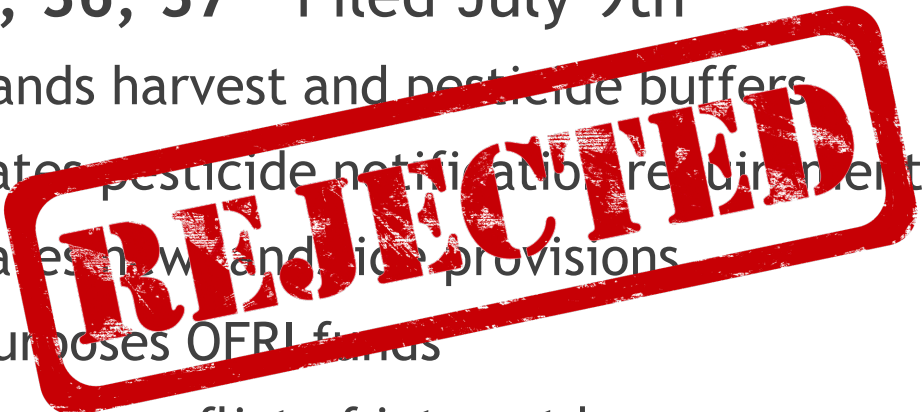
- ▶ Aerial Herbicide Ban
- ▶ GE Crop Ban
- ▶ Community Rights Initiative
- ▶ Watershed Bill of Rights

Other Counties of Concern

Statewide Ballot Measures

IP 35, 36, 37 - Filed July 9th

- ▶ Expands harvest and pesticide buffers
- ▶ Creates pesticide notification requirements
- ▶ Creates new wildlife provisions
- ▶ Repurposes OFRI funds
- ▶ Expands conflict of interest laws
- ▶ Disallows takings claims



Refiled 45, 46, 47

- ▶ Forest Waters Protection Acts

Proactive Ballot Measures

- ▶ **IP 53 - Fair & Just Compensation Act**
Compensates property owners when government activities unfairly destroy or devalue their property
- ▶ **IP 54 - Oregon Forest Science Standards Act**
Requires forest management to be guided by peer-reviewed science
- ▶ **IP 55 - Forestry Oversight Improvement Act**
Adds forestry experts to Oregon Board of Forestry

What can you do?

- ▶ Vote
- ▶ Educate legislators about your issues
- ▶ Pay attention to the legislature
 - Subscribe to newsletters
 - Join OFS/Grassroots Groups
 - “Like” us on Facebook
- ▶ Testify
- ▶ It’s important that you tell your story
- ▶ Follow the rules!!



Activists are
Looking for
Mistakes

No Room For Error

- ▶ FOLLOW THE LABEL
- ▶ Agency Investigations Are Front Page News
- ▶ Mistakes Impact Everyone
- ▶ Employee Training