



Permit Requirements: Regional Toxics Task Force



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1. Identify data gaps and collect necessary data on PCBs and other toxics on the 2008 year 303(d) list for the Spokane River.
2. Further analyze the existing and future data to better characterize the amounts, sources, and locations of PCBs sources and of other toxics on the 2008 year 303(d) list for the Spokane River.
3. Prepare recommendations for controlling and reducing the sources of listed toxics in the Spokane River.
4. Review proposed Toxic Management Plans, Source Management Plans, and BMPs.
5. Monitor and assess the effectiveness of toxic reduction measures.
6. Identify a mutually agreeable entity to serve as the clearinghouse for data, reports, minutes, and other information gathered or developed by the Task Force and its members. This information shall be made publicly available by means of a website and other appropriate means.



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