



August 16, 2011

Jim Bellaty
Section Manager, Water Quality Program
Washington Department of Ecology
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Dear Jim,

We received your letter requesting that the Spokane River Forum (SRF) provide administrative and technical support for the sovereigns assisting in the development of Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (the Task Force). The sovereigns include Washington Department of Ecology, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To provide this assistance, we request the sovereigns affirm the following:

- SRF assistance will be provided directly to Don Martin, representing EPA, and Dave Moore, representing Ecology. All work products used to develop the Task Force are the responsibility of the sovereigns and should in no way be associated with SRF.
- Meetings to develop the Task Force will be facilitated by Don Martin with EPA. At Don's request, SRF will provide:
 - Administrative support for meetings,
 - Attend meetings, including providing a staff person to take meeting notes that the sovereigns can edit and distribute at their discretion.
 - Support communication and distribution of materials.
- Ecology confirms that assistance provided by SRF is within the scope of, and will be reimbursed in accordance with, Ecology's contract with SRF (#C-10000290).
- SRF administrative and technical assistance does not indicate a position or preference regarding:
 - the scope of work a Task Force will undertake or how it is managed,
 - judicial or settlement outcomes related to any litigation, either contemplated, pending, or underway regarding the Spokane River, including as of this writing: Sierra Club's 60-day notice of intent to sue EPA, Kaiser's appeal of the NPDES permit, or litigation Idaho dischargers are pursuing with EPA.
- To avoid any confusion regarding source, operation, and ownership of task force related materials, SRF will establish a separate domain, srrttf.org. E-mails and web postings related to the Task Force will use this domain.

- SRF does not seek nor will it accept a management role in administering the Task Force. Your letter indicates the Task Force will be operational on November 30, 2011. Our hope is that SRF's role will be concluded as close to this date as possible.
- Regarding funds still remaining in contract #C-10000290 when this assistance is complete, Ecology will work with SRF to amend and extend the contract to support agreed upon DO TMDL and toxics education and outreach needs.

The Forum appreciates the efforts of the sovereigns and hopes to be able to assist them on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Dunau', written in a cursive style.

Andy Dunau
Executive Director

c: Spokane River Forum Board