

# Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force Work Plan Development Concept

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## Introduction

The Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (Task Force) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) identifies a Task Force goal of developing a 2012 through 2016 Task Force work plan by the end of December 2012. The MOA indicates that the work plan should address:

- Approach for and analysis of existing data on PCB and other toxics on the Washington 2008, Category 5, § 303(d) list to (1) understand what is known, (2) identify data gaps, and (3) determine where additional characterization of amounts, sources and locations is needed.
- Development and implementation of a Monitoring Plan for the Spokane River that, (1) establishes the baseline conditions for PCBs and the other identified toxics, (2) monitors and assesses the effectiveness of toxic reduction measures, and (3) can be adapted to take into account newly generated data and sampling techniques.
- Identification or establishment of a publicly accessible clearinghouse for storing data, reports, Task Force meeting minutes or summaries, and other information gathered or developed by the Task Force and its members.
- Review of proposed Toxic Management Plans, Source Management Plans, and BMPs.
- Approach for preparing recommendations to control and reduce point and nonpoint sources of PCBs and other toxics, on the Washington 2008, Category 5, 303 (d) list, to the Spokane River.
- Public education needs and approach, including pollution prevention and public and environmental health determinations.

The following targets are presented to provide a framework for work plan development.

## Proposed Targets Associated with Work Plan Development

Considering the anticipated timeline for the Task Force business entity formation and technical advisor selection and contracting, the following targets associated with work plan development are presented for Task Force consideration:

1. SRSP develops “strawman” discussion draft work plan – September 2012.
2. SRRTF Technical Track Work Group reviews and updates draft work plan – October 2012.
3. Technical Track Work Group presents recommended work plan to full Task Force – November 2012.
4. Task Force discusses work plan and makes modifications if needed – November 2012.
5. Task Force approves Task Force work plan – December 2012.
6. Task Force forms business entity and hires/contracts with technical advisor – Fall/Winter 2012.
7. Task Force considers technical advisor recommendations and updates work plan – Timeline TBD.