



Vision - The Regional Toxics Task Force will work collaboratively to characterize the sources of toxics in the Spokane River and identify and implement appropriate actions needed to make measurable progress towards meeting applicable water quality standards for the State of Washington, State of Idaho, and The Spokane Tribe of Indians and in the interests of public and environmental health.

COLLABORATION

- Private industries, environmental organizations, stakeholders, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and governmental agencies from the States of Washington and Idaho working together
- Goal is to develop a comprehensive plan to bring the Spokane River into compliance with water quality standards
- Provides a forum for the review and discussion of Spokane River toxics issues

INNOVATION

- Unique approach to reduce toxic compounds in the Spokane River watershed
- Provides a “Direct to Implementation” alternative to the more complex Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) process
- Results in more effective and immediate improvements to water quality

PROGRESS

- Complete technical studies needed to understand identify the sources of toxics
- Participate in public education and engagement to advance the region-wide understanding of toxics issues
- Develop a Best Management Practices implementation plan
- Create and implement a long-term monitoring plan
- Provide specific recommendations for the development of a Spokane River toxics point and non-point source reduction plan
- Funding required for technical support, administrative and implementation activities from a combination of private and public sources

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