

Proposed Statement of Work: Year 3

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The 2011 NPDES wastewater discharge permits issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology for facilities discharging into the Spokane River require the creation of a Regional Toxics Task Force (Task Force). These permits state that the Task Force membership should include the NPDES permittees in the Spokane River Basin, conservation and environmental interests, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, Spokane Regional Health District, Ecology, and other appropriate interests. While it is unclear that similar permit requirements will be in the future permits issued by the Environmental Protection Agency to the NPDES permittees with facilities discharging to the Spokane River in Idaho, there continues to be a beneficial collaboration opportunity between the Idaho Dischargers and the Washington Dischargers.

The Task Force was formed through the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that describes the Task Force operational and organizational concepts. The MOA describes the organizational structure, identification of the roles and responsibilities of the membership, and governance structure for formation of the Task Force. The goal of the Task Force will be to develop a comprehensive plan to bring the Spokane River into compliance with applicable water quality standards for PCBs. The Task Force will be in effect at least through the 5 year life of the current NPDES permits, and may extend well beyond 5 years for implementation.

To accomplish the Task Force goals, it is anticipated that the Task Force will:

- Identify data gaps and collect necessary data on PCBs and other toxics on the Washington 2008, Category 5, § 303(d) listing for the Spokane River (PCBs and Dioxins).
- Further analyze the existing and future data to better characterize the amounts, sources, and locations of PCBs and other toxics as defined above entering the Spokane River.
- Prepare recommendations for controlling and reducing the sources of listed toxics in the Spokane River.
- Review proposed Toxic Management Plans, Source Management Plans, and BMPs.
- Monitor and assess the effectiveness of toxic reduction measures.
- 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 via a website and other appropriate means.

To accomplish these functions the Task Force will provide for 1) an independent facilitator / coordinator, and 2) a community technical advisor(s) who shall assist in review of data, studies, and control measures, as well as assist in providing technical education information to the public.

STATEMENT OF WORK

This Statement of Work presents approaches and options for the third 12-month period, commencing with the execution of this Interagency Agreement. The Statement of Work may be amended to extend the duration, or to add additional work items, as mutually agreed to between ACE and the William D. Ruckelshaus Center (Center).

Services

The Center shall provide a lead facilitator and support staff to provide the following services:

1. Organize and schedule twelve (12) in-person Task Force meetings. Arrange meeting venues, develop agendas, distribute meeting notices, facilitate discussions, assist in developing discussion topics, confirm follow-up assignments, take meeting notes, and write meeting summaries.
2. Organize and schedule up to twelve (12) Work Group meetings to be held in Spokane, with conference call capability, based on Task Force priorities and needs. Facilitate up to twelve (12) meetings by video conference. Assist in arranging meeting venues, developing meeting agendas and discussion topics, confirm follow-up assignments.
3. Additional meeting services: liaison work with university (CEREO, WSU, UI, UW) faculty to coordinate research to support Task Force efforts. Tasks include communications, meeting scheduling, participating in meetings by phone, and confirming follow-up assignments.
4. If needed, engage in dispute resolution and consensus building techniques in order to achieve agreement on key issues. This activity may require the Facilitator to arrange and participate in additional communications between and with Task Force members.
5. Stay current on issues related to PCBs and surface water quality relating to the Task Force goals.
6. Coordinate with the Task Force technical advisor(s) and technical project manager to support development and implementation of the Task Force work plan. Ensure that information provided by the Technical Advisor is available when needed by the Task Force.
7. Facilitate the Task Force in developing strategies related to the Task Force goals, as appropriate.
8. Facilitate additional effective communications among the Task Force and to the public as mutually agreeable.
9. Manage and update the Task Force web page in accordance with agreed-upon standards. Ensure that the web page is an effective public communications tool, and is a timely representation of Task Force activities.
10. Ensure that Task Force notices and information are distributed to members, and posted on the web page prior to all meetings in accordance with the MOA.
11. Assist with the planning and facilitation of up to two (2) public meetings or technical workshops sponsored by the Task Force. This includes communications, agenda development, onsite logistical support, and materials coordination—and planning and facilitation of up to three preparatory Work Group meetings for each workshop or public meeting.

Deliverables

1. Up to twelve (12) full Task Force meeting notices and twelve (12) Work Group agendas and associated meeting handouts/materials with up to 12 meetings being held in person.
2. Meeting summaries for all meetings facilitated by the Center.
3. Regular web page maintenance and posting of meeting notices and facilitation-related meeting materials in accordance with the Task Force standards.
4. Up to two public meeting and/or technical workshop notices, agendas, meeting handouts/materials and meeting summaries.
5. Documents that have been prepared as a result of Task Force activities including those that represent Task Force interests, positions and/or recommendations.
6. Quarterly progress reports (up to two pages) summarizing the activities of the facilitator including numbers and types of meetings, key decisions reached by the Task Force, documents prepared by Task Force that are available on the webpage, as well as other activities undertaken by the Facilitator including dispute resolution and consensus building.

Budget

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Salary/Benefits:	\$58,323
Good/Services:	400
Travel:	11,500
Total Direct Costs:	70,223
F&A:	18,258
Total Costs:	\$88,481

Assumptions

The following assumptions relate to the services provided by the CENTER and the associated budget:

- Chris Page will serve as the project manager and lead facilitator. Center Director Michael Kern will serve as a strategic advisor. A Center Project Associate (and/or university student working under the direction of Center staff) will provide project logistics support and coordination.
- The Center will work with a Task Force subgroup to aid the facilitator in functions such as agenda development.
- The Center facilitator will maintain a neutral stance in facilitating discussions to achieve group consensus, consistent with the Task Force MOA, and advance the Task Force's purposes and goals. Center staff will facilitate the Task Force implementation of the MOA with attention to the relevant roles and responsibilities of the various participants.
- All expenses regarding venue, food, and rentals are to be paid for by Ecology or the Task Force.
- Scheduling of Task Force meetings shall use a tool such as Doodle Poll to ensure participation by the maximum number of Task Force members.
- Meeting notices will be distributed via email.
- The Center's budget is based on providing the identified deliverables, regardless of the exact number of hours spent on a given meeting or task.