**Workshop Sampling Session**

**Session Focus:**

This session focuses on improving the understanding of workshop attendees relative to the details of the synoptic sampling event of August 2014. The session will address lessons learned related to sample collection in both riverine settings and at point sources and the potential impact of higher flow conditions on sample collection methods.

**Session Presentation Specifics:**

**August 2014 Sampling Event (Presenter: Shawn Hinz – Gravity)**

* How was the field sample collection performed with respect to both riverine locations and point source locations?
* Were there deviations from the SAP/QAPP required during field sample collection efforts?
* Were flow data able to be collected for all sampling events for both river gaging stations and at point sources?

**August 2014 Sampling Event Analysis (Presenter: Dave Dilks – LimnoTech)**

* What levels of contamination were seen in trip, field, equipment, and /or transfer blanks?
* If needed, what might be done differently to reduce these levels?

**Alternative (Non-Grab) Sample Collection Methods**

Alternative sample collection methods may be needed to achieve a clearer separation between the environmental sample signal and method blanks under higher river flow conditions or if lower concentrations are expected.

**Polyurethane Foam Plug (PUF) Sampler (Presenter: Shawn Hinz – Gravity)**

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	+ What are its components?
	+ How is sample recovery performed?
	+ What is the range of sample volume collection limitations?
	+ What is the range of sample collection time intervals?
	+ Has this method been used before for low level (pg/L) PCB work?
	+ Usability in the field?

**Continuous Low-level Aquatic Monitoring (CLAM) (Presenter: Brent Hepner – CI-Agent)**

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**XAD-2 Resin Sampler (Presenters: Shawn Hinz – Gravity; Richard Grace – AXYS)**

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**Session Discussion Topics (Invited Guests and Attendees)**

* Based on the field experiences in August, are updates to the SAP/QAPP needed at this time for the high flow spring run-off period sampling event?
* Is there any sample collection development work needed for the alternative methods discussed in order to have them available/acceptable for future sampling efforts?
* What are the cost comparisons between the various alternative methods?