



December 8, 2015

Administrative Contracting Entity (ACE)  
Spokane River Toxics Task Force  
C/O: Bud Leber, Kaiser Aluminum  
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Dear Bud,

The Spokane River Forum would like to request that the Administrative and Contracting Agency (ACE) of the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (SRRTTF) provide travel expenses for Lisa Rodenburg to attend and present at the Spokane River Forum Conference. The conference is scheduled for March 23rd and 24th, 2016 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. We're also excited to be co-hosting the Coeur d'Alene Lake "Our Gem" Symposium on March 22nd with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Begun in 2009, the conference has proven very successful as a bi-state regional event featuring key Spokane River watershed issues, offering unique opportunities to share information, network with others and reach out to the public on water quality, water resource and other issues. As with past years, we expect over 250 people to attend one or both days of the conference.

Currently, we are working with multiple stakeholders in Washington and Idaho on agenda development and are very excited by the breadth and diversity of topics identified. Water quality and stewardship sessions are stranded throughout the conference. Attendees will be able to choose between sessions that lean toward being more technical, policy, or public outreach oriented.

The work of SRRTTF is, of course, critically important, as is communicating the work via the type of stakeholder and citizen outreach offered by the conference. In speaking with Dave Dilks, he's available and prepared to present an overview of findings from the sampling/research activities to date and development of the comprehensive plan to address PCBs in the river system. Part of the dialog includes discussing the sources, contribution and fate of inadvertently generated PCBs in the system.

As you know, Lisa Rodenburg is one of the foremost national experts regarding inadvertently generated PCBs. The conference session would be an opportunity for her to present on her latest findings and begin the dialog of how such research ties in with the comprehensive plan and other task force activities. Working with Lisa, we did some preliminary checking on travel costs. Tentatively, airfare would be approximately \$600, and hotel \$180 (two nights). If we consider other ancillary costs like shuttle, our thought is \$900 should be sufficient.

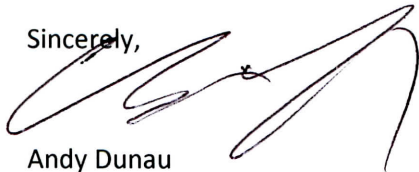
The session is 1.5 hours in length and is currently scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. The Forum welcomes the Task Force making final determinations regarding composition of speakers, timing of presentations, etc. The response to Judge Rothstein, BMPs and other items may be part of what you think is important to present on. The agenda also offers opportunities in other sessions to weave in related interests, e.g.—the oyster mushroom mycelium research that the Lands Council is engaged in.

The Forum believes the task force is well positioned to assure the best mix of presentations are made available.

In general terms, our goal is to complete the conference schedule with session titles by the end of December. We're happy to share progress with agenda development and receive your input throughout December. We will begin marketing the conference and open it up for registration in January. In the January—February timeframe we will work with you and others to complete session descriptions, presenters, etc.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to your response and working with you on the conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Dunau', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Andy Dunau  
Executive Director