SRRTTF BMP Focus Group Notes

January 6, 2016

Attendees:

Kat Ridolfi, LimnoTech

Dave Dilks, LimnoTech

Rob Lindsay, Spokane County

Adriane Borgias, Ecology

Mike Peterson, Lands Council

Jeff Donovan, City of Spokane

Ellie Key, Ecology

Sandy Phillips, Spokane Regional Health District

1. 2016 Workshop BMP Session

General discussion:

* Kat will see if BACWA has any input on BMPs from permittee perspective.
* Table set up: Rounds? How do we distribute participants between tables?

Break out sessions: LimnoTech supplied a list of breakout sessions with five categories and potential BMP activities.

* Add a new session called “Regulatory Actions” for a total of 6 breakouts. (MTCA, TSCA, CWA, HW); move “review/revise laws regarding waste disposal” to that section. Discussion about how to get more agency (Ecology) awareness of the regulatory connections.
* Site remediation: add known toxics clean up sites, post fire clean up/fire fighting.
* Timing: 30 minutes for breakout, with 30 minutes for report back plus 15 minutes buffer
* Have 5 minutes of general discussion, groups select a specific BMP and complete worksheet
* Report back by moderator
* Prepare worksheets for moderators

Suggested moderators:

Adriane Borgias for Regulatory Actions

Rob Lindsay for Institutional BMPs: Governmental practices

Sandy Phillips for Institutional BMPs: Educational

Kat Ridolfi for Stormwater treatment

Ellie Key for Wastewater treatment

Mike LaScuola for Site remediation

Working on BMPS and Task Force activities creates a synergy at other layers.

The BMP framework can look something like this:

Identification of problem … to … how to address … to … how to dispose/manage

Generic discussion questions for breakouts:

What BMPs are in existence that we already know about?

What is the local feasibility of BMPs? – see session handout for question ideas

Does participant have any experience with a BMP?

How do we determine if it is working?

Responsibility for BMP?

What is the loading reduction, ease of implementation?

Action Item: Sandy to standardize the worksheets for the breakout session moderators and send for comment.

Action Item: Sandy to ask Mike LaScuola regarding moderating the session.

1. Update to the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington
* APB is attending kick off meeting on Friday.
* Rob Lindsay and Mike Hepp were involved in the 2004 manual, maybe a good resource for information.
* Typically stormwater management is prescriptive: if you follow the BMP then the benefit is assumed to happen. What about testing? What do we do with water (re: PCBs. For example, the City of Spokane is required to monitor.
* Question about Toxics: how will these be addressed?
	+ Comment: anyone putting liquid in the river should play by the same rules as other wastewater treatment facilities.
		- Monitoring, participating in the community process, attending meetings like this
	+ Testing stormwater for PCB: we need a database across the region on this for better understanding of PCBs in stormwater and cleanup.
	+ Participation in organizations like the Task Force elevates the consciousness of organizations that are “putting liquid into the river.”
* Also, other toxics like PBDEs, Dioxins, Furans, metals etc. (Toxics in general) need to be addressed.
* Would there be (are there) additional BMPs for toxics?
* There should be a process to add new BMPs as we have more data as to their effectiveness.
1. BMP Implementation discussion (on Parking Lot from last meeting)

*General Comments*

* Every BMP is unique to the discharger so the individual entity needs to decide how to implement the BMP.
* There are two directions
	+ Voluntary stewardship concept
	+ Regulatory concept: BMPs written into a permit. Question: how to Toxics Management Plans fit into this?
* The Task Force could think about implementation strategy. For example:
	+ For NPDES BMPs would be put into permits where effective.
	+ For other entities Task Force could write letters/provide information to others
* The Task force could strategize on how to approach others and positively effect the implementation of BMPs. This might be a broader discussion at a Task Force meeting.
	+ Consider for example: Task Force implements a strategy vs. individual entities implement a BMP,
1. Next Steps:
* Meet before the next TF meeting, possible the 20th of January,

Action Item: APB to create Doodle Poll. (COMPLETE)

* Investigate the “new science on BMPs” and see if this is worth more exploration at future meeting (Sandy has a list of contacts.)