**SRRTTF Sample Naming Convention Proposal**

Purpose:

Establish a sample naming convention that

1. Can be used by the SRRTTF in data collection activities,
2. Provide a recommendation for naming convention to other entities collecting data related to PCBs in the Spokane River Basin, and
3. Provide a naming convention to be added to historical data entered into the SRRTTF Database.

The goals of the naming convention are to allow quick recognition of where, when, and what type of sample was collected. It also serves to establish a way to double check that data records are correct. For example, if the date recorded in the database is different than the one in the sample ID there is an issue that needs to be investigated.

Proposed Naming Convention:

**USGS River Mile or well number - Sample Type QAQC Code - Date - time**

USGS River Mile or well number

River mile to the tenth of a mile or 999 if not applicable

Modified USGS well numbering system that uses Township, Range, Section, Quarter, and Quarter/Quarter section to name wells

*Note-Latitude and Longitude will be recorded for each sample location.*

Sample Type

River – RIV

Influent - INF

Effluent - EFF

Storm water - STW

Tissue - TIS

Sediment – SED

Ground Water - GW

Secondary descriptor for QAQC

Travel Blank - TBL

Field Blank - FBL

Equipment Blank – EBL

Duplicate - DUP

Date

MMDDYYYY

Time

HHMM – 24 hour, Pacific Time

Examples: RVM18.1-RIV-05012016-1310

RVM23.0-SED-04052016-1420

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