# Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force

 Quarterly Report (7/1/13 – 9/30/13)

**Project Staff:** Chris Page, Facilitator; Aubri Denevan, Project Coordinator; Michael Kern, Strategic Advisor; Cheryl Rajcich, Budget Manager; Kelsey Gray, Facilitator (August 28, 2013 meeting)

**Project Purpose:** The Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (SRRTTF) is a collaborative group of governmental agencies, private industries, and environmental organizations attempting an innovative approach to the reduction of PCBs within the Spokane River.

**Q5 Meeting Schedule:**



**Project highlights:**

* **Meetings:** Project facilitator Chris Page developed meeting agendas and facilitated five meetings, including two Task Force meetings, one quorum conference call, one Technical Track Work Group meeting, and one Funding Work Group meeting. Kelsey Gray facilitated one Task Force meeting in August 2013. Meeting notices, agendas, materials, and summaries were drafted and distributed for each meeting by Aubri Denevan.
* **Facilitation Change & Renewed Ruckelshaus Contract:** In June, the Task Force asked the Center to remain in a facilitation and coordination role for the project’s second year. Starting with the June Task Force meeting, Chris Page succeeded Kelsey Gray as the project facilitator; Aubri Denevan remained the project coordinator.
* **Website Management:** Aubri Denevan managed and updated the web page on behalf of the Task Force for the six meetings facilitated by the Ruckelshaus Center. This included posting meeting announcements, materials and supporting documents, and meeting summaries.
* **Communications:** Chris Page communicated with various Task Force members by email and phone as needed to gain perspectives, check in on issues, and to help plan meetings. The Task Force sent two letters to EPA:
	+ Requesting consideration of a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) compliance monitoring program to address the manufacture in and import into the United States of products with inadvertently produced PCBs; and
	+ Supporting the candidacy of two Task Force members for a small business advocacy review panel being established to advise EPA on possible revisions to PCB rules.
* **Identifying Future Funding Sources:** The Center facilitated Task Force discussions on spending priorities for a $350,000 legislative allocation.
* **University Technical Expertise:** The Center arranged for Task Force members to meet with researchers from WSU, UW and the University of Idaho about the prospects for university expertise to contribute to the collection of data, analysis of information, and potential river cleanup options.
* **Technical Advisor:** The Task Force worked with the Technical Advisor, Limno Tech, to complete Tasks 6-7.

**Center Staff will continue to work with Task Force members and Work Groups in support of their project activities:**

* The Task Force and two work groups will continue to meet on a monthly basis.
* The Task Force will continue to work with the Technical Consultant on completing their assigned tasks.

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