

Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force

Education and Outreach Work Group Meeting

Wednesday October 4, 2017 | 1:30 am –3:30 pm

Department of Ecology | N. 4601 Monroe St. | Spokane WA 99205

Vikki Barthels –Spokane Regional Health District

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Bruce Gryniewski (phone)–Gallatin

Amanda Parrish –Lands Council

Tracy Stevens –City of Spokane

Toni Taylor –Spokane County

Jerry White (phone) –Riverkeeper

Kara Whitman –Ruckelshaus Center

Introductions and Agenda Review:

After a short round of introductions, Kara Whitman went over the agenda. No changes were made. The meeting focused on updating to the Task Force outreach poster panels for a decision at the October Task Force meeting.

Poster discussion:

Panel 1:

- Jerry: getting into TSCA conundrums feels like amount of space given to this issue may be too much. Perhaps just a few simple statements that discuss the conundrum, rather than a chart.
- PCB Reduction Challenge. Move this section to under PCB Cleanup and reduction.
- Pie Chart: a couple of ways that this has been done.
 - Loading rate chart on page 25: a bit different than an earlier version. Perhaps remove the pie chart all together. Simple graphics that represent the loading in the river.
- Different Bioaccumulation diagram? Bioaccumulation and biomagnifications could go under health effects.

Panel 2:

- Image: photos of CSO basin under construction. Water monitoring, public education at resource center. Something that captures the Task Force working. Water monitoring. Sampling products.

Panel 3: Need images for: Wastewater Treatment, Green Chemistry – Safer Choice Label, Street Sweeper, Green Chemistry: lab equipment picture.

New 4th Panel: Toni Taylor put together a new panel that focuses on what an individual can do about PCBs to be part of the solution. It is meant for the general public.

- For the public it is about developing good habits around the use and disposal of products. Need to reflect pesticides and fertilizers.
- Each one of us pollutes.

ACTION ITEM: Toni will remove the reference to other panels; try working with some other colors to use less yellow (less PCB!) (Complete)

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Stevens to send Kara Whitman images of product testing and other lab images that would work on the posters and Toni Taylor to send an image of a street sweeper. (Complete)

ACTION ITEM: Kara Whitman to make all discussed edits to the poster panels 1, 2, and 3. Toni Taylor to make discussed edits to the new panel. (Complete)

Website Update: Toni explained that two URLs have been purchased and everything is being directed to spokaneriverpcbfree.org. They were purchased through the Task Force using the Task Force credit card, purchased blue host domain, (not through the County).

The next Education and outreach meeting is November 8, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:30 at Ecology