MOA Edits

Background

The Task Force asked the MOA ad hoc group, organized under the Funding Work Group, to work with White Bluffs Consulting to review and make suggested edits to the Task Force MOA and associated Operational and Organizational Concepts, and bring these suggested revisions back to the Task Force for further consideration. The MOA ad hoc group met twice in July to discuss draft revisions made by White Bluffs Consulting (and also edits proposed by Karl Rains, Ecology) to the MOA/Operational and Organizational Concepts document.

Potential MOA Changes for Task Force Consideration

Only one minor change is proposed for the actual MOA language. The remaining edits are proposed for the Operational and Organizational Concepts document. A tracked changes version of the MOA/Operational and Organizational Concepts document is provided in Attachment 1. Suggested edits center around the following:

- Updating Task Force purpose and responsibility to include coordinating implementation of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan for Reducing PCBs in the Spokane River
- Identifying both WA and ID discharger responsibilities to participate in the Task Force based on discharge permits, and combine/edit language related to these responsibilities in appropriate areas (the current language describes adding ID dischargers as a future action)
- Eliminated language that confined Task Force roles and responsibilities to the 2012 to 2016 period, where appropriate
- Included more general terminology relating to discharge permits to acknowledge the different names in WA (NPDES) and ID (IDPES)
- Updated Membership discussion and clarified process for how a new stakeholder member may be added to the Task Force
- Updated roles and responsibilities of certain organizations, and acknowledge IDEQ now administers discharge permits instead of EPA
- Edited discussion of "committees" to "work groups" consistent with Task Force current terminology

Recommended Next Steps

Members of the Task Force are invited to review the identified edits, discuss them at the August meeting (and October if necessary), and decide as a group if you would like to move forward with some or all of the recommended MOA/ Operational and Organizational Concepts document edits.

Attachment 1

MOA/ Operational and Organizational Concepts Edits in Tracked Changes