

**TSCA/iPCB Workgroup Meeting Summary
June 3, 2020 Call**

Attendees

Ben Floyd, White Bluffs Consulting
Jeff Donovan, City of Spokane
Lisa Dally Wilson, Dally Environmental and SRSP
Scott Braithwaite, American Coatings Association
Michael Ober, Titanium Dioxide Stewardship Council
Kyle Shimabuku, Gonzaga University
Dave Darling, American Coatings Association
Kari Trumbell, Ecology
Mike Petersen, The Lands Council
Karl Rains, Ecology
Gary Jones, Specialty Graphic Imaging Association
Cheryl Niemi, Ecology
Brandee Era-Miller, Ecology
Lauren Heine, Northwest Green Chemistry
Anna Montgomery, Northwest Green Chemistry
Amelia Nestler, Northwest Green Chemistry
Craig Monahan, Ecology
Robert Mott, Mott Consulting
Joel Breems, Avista
Marissa Smith, Ecology

1. **TiO₂ Study Update (Minutes Reference 3.b.)** – Michael Ober said with COVID-19 they are still waiting to pull samples from manufacturers. He hopes they can get the work underway soon and by our next meeting be able to share more about the work accomplished and future schedule.
2. **Lands Council National Outreach efforts status (Minutes Reference 6.d.)** – Mike Peterson said that his River Rally session went well, and he was going to be receiving a list of participants that he could follow up with. Also working with Karl on positioning for Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group grant – focused on Columbia Basin toxics. It appears the grant application needs to appeal to EPA priorities. Should be focused on toxics in the NW and include emphasis on WA, OR, ID and Montana (Columbia River Basin) rather than “nationwide outreach”. Karl will try to get additional debrief on this specific grant proposal.
3. **Safer Products for WA program** - Cheryl Niemi, Marissa Smith and Craig Manahan of Ecology shared an update to provide on the consumer products report they are delivering soon to the State Legislature. The report is currently going through Ecology/Governor’s office review. The report includes expanded and new product categories, and paints were added to the PCBs list (expansion of existing PCB list). Cheryl recapped outreach efforts to stakeholders, producers,

wholesalers, etc. She also outlined the phases of work after the report is submitted, including holding a late July/early Aug webinar to share safer alternatives analyses and basis for these, plus considering regulatory and other implementation actions. Call participants had the following comments:

- a. What was the process to determine what products to include? *Built off the list of chemicals already listed in the RCW and identified consumer products that utilize these chemicals*
- b. Registering disappointment – The ACA was not aware of the paint listing until May of 2020 and they do not understand the basis, despite the fact that outreach had been done by Ecology. Need to understand the basis for including products to be able to provide meaningful input. Without this information, Ecology will not receive specific feedback on the updated information.
- c. How do you define consumer paint? How do you consider exposure?

Additional questions and comments were redirected to Cheryl Neimi and Ecology's phased outreach process. Stay tuned for information on the webinar and look forward to May to Sep 2021, when Ecology will provide the supporting information for their work.

4. **PCB Products Database** – Lisa Dally Wilson led this discussion and shared background information and history on how we arrived at this point including a reference to this action in the SRRTTF Comprehensive Plan (Section 5.8 and Table 11). There is a need to define expectations and sideboards for this project. The group discussed several issues and questions related to this effort:

- a. Mike Petersen has met with Kyle Shimabuku, a professor in Civil Engineering at Gonzaga, to determine whether Gonzaga is interested in the project. Kyle is unable to determine whether he and his class could take this project on until he better understands the nature of the database and the sideboards (eg., 1668 only, other).
- b. Previously the SRRTTF reached out to Dr Rodenberg regarding Rutgers interest in the project.
- c. Mike and Cheryl stated that Ecology has done most of the PCB in products testing to date. Alex Stone's report is very robust. The initial thought was this database could capture data from other states and other communities doing testing similar to Washington's Dept of Ecology. However, we have learned that Ecology has done most testing in the US. EPA is starting to do testing.
- d. Cheryl stated that Ecology is not currently offering to host a database. Need to determine details. What type of data (eg. Congeners, Aroclors), what sampling methodologies. *Congeners, all states.*
- e. Need to clearly define the purpose, goals and actions needed for the database. Need to look back and determine what the SRRTTF decided they wanted from previous discussions. *PCB in products – educational tool for consumers, others.*
- f. Will it include data from other areas in the country, what are minimum QA/QC requirements?

- g. Who will host the database?
 - h. Build on Ecology or other database options
 - i. Need to work on how to put the database together – scope, audience, level of validation, etc.
 - j. Lisa outlined and discussed next steps with the group:
 - i. Convene a small focus group to define the purpose, definition, scale, QA/QC, level of validation, audience and how it is intended to be used. Once there is more detail, this will be run past the entire SRRTTF.
 - ii. WBC send out doodle poll for a 1 hr. Zoom focus meeting week of June 15 to Lisa DW, Mike Peterson, Cheryl Niemi, Kyle Shimabuku (Gonzaga), Dave Darling, Kari Trumbull, Gary Jones, Craig Manahan (ECY), Robert Mott, Doug Krapas)
 - iii. Focus meeting participants to send emails to Lisa with ideas to address at the meeting.
5. **Approval of the Road Paint Paper (Minutes Reference 1.a.i.)** - Action to recommend approval of the white paper was deferred since WSDOT was not able to join and the call. The group did have several comments on the process:
- a. Get Dave Dilks input on fish tissue topic and PCB 11
 - b. Process needs to be transparent and updates clear – the group and the authors of the White Paper (NW Green Chemistry, principally Anna Montgomery) need to understand who provides comments and what organizations those individuals are with. It is important to verify if new information is being added and by whom, and to identify whether it is consistent with what was learned from the interviews relied on to develop the initial draft white paper. There also needs to be opportunity for the full work group to see the proposed changes being proposed by individual organizations.

Ben said additional comments on the white paper will be shared with the group and after hearing the discussion suggested that perhaps this would not be ready for recommending to the Task Force at the June meeting. He will follow up with Doug to discuss next steps and then these would be shared with the group.