

SPOKANE RIVER REGIONAL TOXICS TASK FORCE
MONSANTO PCB SETTLEMENT FUNDING REQUEST LETTER

January 7, 2021

Dear Spokane Area State Senators and Representatives:

We appreciate the opportunity we had to meet with many of you in December to discuss the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (Task Force) work, the \$60 million Monsanto Settlement funding added to the State General Fund, and the need for a long-term dedicated funding mechanism for addressing PCB contamination in the state.

In follow up, we are pleased to provide this more specific request. The Task Force reiterates our request that the Monsanto settlement received by the State be dedicated into a long-term fund for PCB reduction efforts. This fund can support PCB investigations and studies, monitoring, education and outreach, engineering evaluations and remediation efforts for situations where potentially responsible parties are not readily identified. As noted in our meetings, this is a long-term problem that has taken decades to develop, and it will take many years to identify and remove the PCB sources affecting water bodies in the State consistent with established water quality standards where PCBs are measured in parts per quadrillion.

To support this request for dedicated long-term funding, we have developed the attached 10-year list of projects and funding needs for the Spokane River basin, which totals over \$10 million (or \$2 million per biennium budget). This list includes priority investigations, feasibility evaluations, pilot scale-testing of treatment methods and other activities that help us find and reduce PCBs in the Spokane River, consistent with our Comprehensive Plan.

Funding this multi-year program for the Spokane River basin will support implementing strategies and technologies that can reduce public health and environment risks caused by PCBs, with lessons learned that can benefit the entire state, as other basins follow our lead.

As a Task Force we remain committed to making measurable progress in reducing PCB risks, and achieving the associated socio-economic and environmental benefits. Thank you very much for your support of this request. We look forward to working with you to achieve these objectives.

cc w/attachment:

Governor Jay Inslee

Senate Ways and Means Chair, Senator Christine Rolfes

Speaker of the House, Representative Laurie Jinkins

House Minority Leader, Representative J.T. Wilcox

Attachment 1
10-year Funding Request

SRRTTF Draft 10-Year Funding Request Washington State Legislature for Monsanto Settlement Funds			
Action/Project	Schedule	Cost/Annual	Total Cost
Long-term monitoring program	Every 2 years	\$200K	\$1000K
High flows synoptic sampling	2 years	\$100K	\$200K
Low flow synoptic to capture gw inputs between Spokane and Nine mile gages (at a minimum) plus other stations upstream	2 years	\$100k	\$200K
Additional hot spots investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biofilm in Mission Reach - GW elevation monitoring near Mission reach - Subbottom profiling to ID buried drums or transformers - known contaminated sites, targeting Aroclors 1254 and 1260 based on past production processes - review of historical records 	1 year investigations	\$400K	\$400K
Evaluating wastewater treatment methods and materials for PCB treatment at utility scale, including engineering evaluations, trial runs, pilot testing, more evaluation and facility retrofitting	Annual activities	varies	\$4,500K
stormwater to drywell connection, including Industrial parks' dry wells	Two year study	\$200K	\$400K



LID - how to advance the adoption and use of LID strategies	Two year study - Ties to stormwater study	\$200K	\$400K
More detailed bioaccumulation assessment - how PCBs move up to food chain	3 year study	\$250K	\$750K
Opportunistic sampling, e.g., additional Trent bridge piling samples	TBD	\$5k	\$15K
Building demolition and renovation control - to determine effectiveness and follow up actions	Single year	\$25K	\$25K
Enhanced waste disposal assistance - - to determine effectiveness and follow up actions	Single year	\$25K	\$25K
Education & Outreach activities	Annual	\$40K	\$400K
iPCB/TSCA actions	Annual	\$50K	\$500K
Review and update/refresh of the Comprehensive plan	Two year effort	\$125K	\$250K
Program Management, Facilitation and Technical Support	Annual	\$100K	\$1000K

Total \$10,065,000