

**SRRTTF - Tech Track Work Group
January 17, 2023 Meeting Summary**

Meeting Materials– Posted under TTWG Meeting materials on TF website

1. Powerpoint presentation – see posted TTWG meeting materials
2. Draft Scope of Work and Budget for Additional Groundwater Flow Direction Evaluations Mission Reach – Spokane River
3. Draft Scope of Work and Budget for third Round SPMD Water Column Sampling for Trend Assessment

ACTION ITEMS IN RED below

Attendees

Brandee Era-Miller, WA Dept of Ecology
Dave Dilks, LimnoTech
Lisa Dally Wilson, Dally Environmental
Alyssa Gersdorf, City of Post Falls
Jeff Donovan, City of Spokane
Holly Davies, WA Dept of Health
Joyce Duncan, LimnoTech
Jeremy Schmidt, WA Dept of Ecology
Bryce Robbert, Avista

Mike Anderson, City of Coeur d’Alene
Lara Floyd, White Bluffs
Brian Nickel, USEPA
Rob Lindsay, Spokane County
Doug Krapas, IEP
Chris Moan, Avista
Cheryl Niemi, WA Dept of Ecology
Gunnar Johnson, USEPA

Summary Notes

NEXT TTWG MEETING – February 14, 10 am – noon, Pacific Time.

Study Updates

- I. Fish tissue sampling and analysis, analytical results for water column, sediment, biofilm and catchment samples: It was noted that the TF continues to wait for SGS-AXYS laboratory results from the first round of field work this summer as well as the following rounds. The status of these 2022-2023 projects are listed in the Table below. It is anticipated that these projects will all be complete by June 30th, assuming SGS-AXYS provides data by early February as promised.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Scope</u>
Expanded synoptic survey	Conduct updated mass balance assessment Assess significance of Springfield basin stormwater Define PCB concentration in artesian well
Mission Reach sediment/biofilm	High resolution sampling to identify source locations
Long term water column trend assessment (low and moderate flow)	SPMD deployment at existing trend sites Assess PCB concentration upstream of Kaiser
Long term fish tissue trend assessment	Fish tissue collection at existing trend sites
GE fingerprinting	Determine if GE groundwater plume is affecting Spokane River PCB concentration

- II. Status on data logger downloads at Hamilton Street site – Spokane County staff plan to download data in late January and leave data loggers in place. **Data from Nov 2021 through January 2023 will be provided to LimnoTech and analyzed as part of the Mission Reach monitoring well/water level paper study to determine groundwater flow direction.**

Projects for approval for Recommendation to SRRTTF in January

1. 3rd Round (high flow) SPMD Water Column Sampling for 2022-2023 Trend Assessment
 - Discussed Scope and Budget (pre- and post- June 30, 2023).
 - TTWG to approve for recommendation to SRRTTF as two projects (pre-June 30 – 45K, Post -June 30 for \$49K) with the intention to conduct field sampling in May. Need to identify a location for sample storage during transition. Brandee thought she could help. QAPP will need to be reviewed by Ecology in time.
 - Several members suggested to vote to approve if Ecology can confirm transition and responsibility. Rob agreed to vote to approve assuming cooperative transition. Vote to approve if Ecology can commit to administrative responsibility.

2. Mission Reach monitoring well/water level paper study to determine groundwater flow direction (distributed in December)
 - Provided just prior to last month’s meeting. TTWG needed more time.
 - Discussed and Approved Scope and Budget (pre-June 30, 2023) for recommendation to SRRTTF. Will include analysis of data logger information from Hamilton Site.

3. General discussion regarding SRRTTF transition as it relates to technical projects addressed by this group. What next?
- Brandee – Task Force to cue up next steps in transition phase. Keep up momentum
 - TTWG develop scopes pre-June 30 – but first wait for data from lab to direct how much more sampling and analysis to pursue.
 - Rob – get scopes in place, keep momentum, support continued work.
 - Brian – Consider prioritizing projects so a regulatory program can address whatever this group finds most important (eg., Superfund to address GE, permits to address stormwater, EPA PCB program to address open sources of legacy PCBs >50 ppm)

11:00 Future Projects/Studies –

Because 1) there has yet to be commitment by another entity to carry through projects identified by the Technical Track Working Group after the June 30 date of TF Sunset, and 2) no one from Wa Department of Ecology, Eastern Region Water Quality Program is present at this meeting, and 3) no laboratory results from this past summer's field sampling have been received to help direct further work, the TTWG decided not to move forward with discussion and scoping of future projects at this time. Scoping will commence once data are available.

Meeting adjourned at 10 am.