

SRRTTF - Tech Track Work Group June 20, 2023 Meeting Summary

Meeting Materials– Posted under TTWG Meeting materials on TF website :
Report Review Schedule (updated 6/5/2023)
[Mission_reach_GW_Report_19June2023_TTWG_preRedlineReviewDraft.docx](#)
[SRRTTF_GE_Report_06-20-2023_TTWG_redline_draft.docx](#)
[SRRTTF-2223SPMD_PCB_Report_06202023_TTWGRedlineDraft.docx](#)
PPT presentation

Attendees

Brandee Era-Miller, WA Dept of Ecology
Dave Dilks, LimnoTech
Lisa Dally Wilson, Dally Environmental
Jeff Donovan, City of Spokane
Gunnar Johnson, USEPA
Sandy Treccani, WA Dept of Ecology
Mike Anderson, Coeur d’Alene
Annie Simpson, WA Dept of Ecology
Ken Windram, HARSB
Kris Holm
Vikki Barthels
Graeme Taylor, Stantec (consultant to GE)

Marcie Clement, Avista
Robert Mott
Caitlin Lulay, LimnoTech
Noemi Barabas, LimnoTech
Joyce Dunkin, LimnoTech
Rob Lindsay, Spokane County
Ben Floyd, Lara Floyd, White Bluffs
Tom Agnew, LLSWD
Alyssa Gersdorf, Post Falls
Cheryl Niemi, WA Dept of Ecology
Chris Moan, Avista
Doug Austin, Chesapeake Bay Program
Holly Davies

Summary Notes

Next Meetings: This is the last scheduled meeting of the Technical Track Working Group of the SRRTTF, Updated report review schedule provided to TTWG.

Report Framing and Titles

The TTWG discussed the framing of the last five reports as ‘Preliminary Draft’ reports with a request that the SRRTTF vote to approve the reports as “acceptable work products”. Annie Simpson will review the Ecology contract to ensure this will be adequate as a deliverable. Several entities were uncomfortable calling these final reports given the short turn-around time and lack of ability to thoroughly review these reports in the timeframe left prior to Task Force sunset . General concurrence of TTWG members.

SPMD Report – Dave Dilks and Caitlin Lulay of LimnoTech walked through the final review comments and changes made to the draft report. The TTWG voted to approve the report for recommendation to the Task Force with the caveat that the report be titled Preliminary Draft. Final QA resulted in a few J flags, but no changes in conclusions.

LimnoTech will also prepare a brief Technical Memorandum on the 3rd round of SPMDs and the laboratory results for organic carbon and TSS.

Groundwater Flow Direction Assessment

Joyce Dunkn, LimnoTech, presented the final review draft report with comments in track changes. She discussed the recently acquired data and confirmation of reference elevations. There was a request to move Next Steps from the Executive Summary to a separate chapter in the report. It was noted that this report contained significant information regarding sources and transport pathways for PCBs in the Mission Reach, and that next steps should be considered by the future toxics group. The TTWG voted to approve the report for recommendation to the Task Force with the caveat that the report be titled Preliminary Draft.

GE Fingerprinting

Noemi Barabas, LimnoTech, presented the final review draft report and walked through rationale for the blank correction, detection limits, non-detects within the PVA framework. There was discussion of GE concerns regarding the report and the language changes that have been made to address GE concerns regarding other potential sources of Aroclor 1260 within the groundwater flow path to the Spokane River. The group determined the title of the report should reflect the Ecology TCP terminology for GE (General Electric Co). Those changes will be made. The TTWG voted to approve the report for recommendation to the Task Force with the caveat that the report be title Preliminary Draft.

There will be further work to determine whether the GE facility itself is the source of the elevated 1260 in the Spokane River, and to justify re-opening the site. It would be helpful to estimate the groundwatr flow rate to the river and subsequent PCB loading. Brandee mentioned the idea of a tracer test again.

Data Validation – all data validation has been completed marking some of the congeners as J flags, however this has not resulted in any change to the reports or findings. Uploads to EIM will be complete by June 30.

Path forward for technical working group of future toxics group

Consider finalizing the last 5 reports of the SRRTTF.

Brandee requested information from LimnoTech regarding USGS methodology for SPMD samples and data reduction methodology. Dave will provide.

Consider “Next Steps” as included in all recent reports as a jumping off point for technical work of the next toxics group.

