Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force
Workshop AGENDA

Tues-Wed, Jan. 13-14, 2015 | Day 1: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm; | Day 2: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
CenterPlace Regional Event Center
2426 N. Discovery Place | Spokane Valley, WA 99216

Purpose: To provide a forum for the open exchange of information on the results of the 2014 confidence and synoptic sampling events and to develop a common understanding of the next steps needed to both further identify sources contributing to the PCB levels in the Spokane River and identify appropriate near term source reduction efforts.

Day One

8:30  Introductions & Agenda Review  
Chris Page

8:40  Briefing Session #1: SRRTTF – Background, Issues, Goals, Past Workshops, State of the Science  
- Q&A with guest experts

9:20  Work Session #1: Analytical  
AXYS  
LimnoTech  
Ecology EAP  
Ecology MEL  
- Overview of the processing of collected samples for analysis with respect to method blank determinations and other quality related data
- How clear are the environmental sample signals relative to method and other blanks?
- For source identification, how confident can we be in the data? How much better will we need to get if confidence is low?
- Input from guest experts on implications of what they heard
- General discussion by attendees
- Review takeaways: decisions/action items, next steps

11:00  Work Session #2: Sampling  
Gravity  
LimnoTech  
C I Agent  
- Overview of May and August sampling efforts
- Demonstration, discussion, comparison of various sampling tools (grab, CLAM, PUF, XAD-2)
- Input from guest experts on implications
- General discussion by attendees
- Review takeaways

12:30  Lunch Break
Presentation from Dr. Lisa Rodenburg

Lunch (provided if pre-registered)

2:00  Work Session #3: Statistical Results & Mass Balance  
Dave Dilks  
Ecology EAP  
Lisa Rodenberg  
- The basics of relevant statistical analysis
- Mass balance analysis results

3:00  Break

3:15  Work Session #3 continued  
LimnoTech, Guest Experts  
- Implications and recommendations
- General discussion by attendees
- Review takeaways

4:30  Adjourn  
Chris Page
Day Two

8:00  Work Session #4: Where Do We Go from Here?  Lisa Dally Wilson
Goal: Identify and agree on next steps for additional source contribution investigations, remaining data gaps, approaches for resolving data gaps, and potential near-term source reduction activities. Communicate next steps to the Independent Community Advisor (LimnoTech) such that they can develop the Phase III scope of work for the next year.

- What questions remain about the data collected?
- What additional analyses are needed?
- What data-related questions remain to be answered?
- What data would make sense to collect next?

Next Steps for:
- Sampling
- Lab analyses
- SAP/QAPP update
- Data analyses and mass balance understanding
- Data mining (positive matrix factorization?)
- Identification of nonpoint source contributions
- Source identification
- Source reduction
- Phase III Sampling Plan
- Areas for research or additional data analysis

10:00  Break

10:30  Work Session #4 continued

12:00  Conversation with SRRTTF and Guest Experts  Lunch (provided if pre-registered)
- Initial thoughts on comparing fish tissue sampling & in-water sampling (toward tentative half-day session in mid-2015)

1:00  LimnoTech-Task Force check-in  Guest Experts
- LimnoTech summarize findings from workshop and any additional direction and what it means for the scope of work for Phase III; Task Force clarify and add to it

3:00  Adjourn

NOTES for all work sessions:
- Panel of relevant guest experts respond to information presented at each session with thoughts on the implications for next steps by SRRTTF
- Facilitator/s limit questions to come from experts or SRRTTF members who need to make the decision
- Two flipcharts: one for decisions and action items; the other for suggestions on next steps to consider during last session
- Review compiled takeaways: decisions/action items, next steps
- Guest list attached