TSCA Workgroup Meeting Summary
July 3, 2019

1. **Brief update on the Road Paint Whitepaper:**
   a. Journalist, Sonja Elmquist, provided a draft outline of the whitepaper on July 2, 2019 for Doug and the NWGC group to provide preliminary review.
   b. Doug provided initial comments for Sonja's consideration in developing a draft for the TSCA workgroup to review.
   c. Continued discussion ensued regarding the whitepaper's use since a discussion on this project was also included in the iPCB Report performed by NWGC was recently published and approved. The whitepaper is intended to be a stand-alone summary of this project to support the continued work of the SRRTTF and to inform others interested in this opportunity. Its future use (posting to SRRTTF website, publishing, wider distribution, etc.) will continue to be explored by the TSCA workgroup.

2. **Updates on PCB EPA Method 1668 study of TiO2:**
   a. Michael Ober has been working with the TDSC membership to work out the details of the study.
   b. Michael confirmed that the cost of this study will be paid for by the TDSC.
   c. A discussion regarding the importance of the QAPP ensued, and reference to the 2014 SRRTTF QAPP and the City of Spokane's Addendum for product testing was established as the model for this project.
   d. The TDSC will develop a draft QAPP based on the above and a small work group will meet to develop the plan/details for executing this study.
   e. Karl Rains stated that Jim Ross will be Ecology's representative for this workgroup
   f. Adriane Borgias followed up with the following reference materials:

      QAPP

      City of Spokane QAPP example from SRRTTF work: [HYPERLINK "http://srrttf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/PRODUCTQAPP_2014-082014_FINAL_City-Product-Sampling.pdf"]

      Department of Ecology QAPP guidelines: [HYPERLINK "https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/0403030.pdf"]

      QAPP template attached for your information (created for Ecology and Ecology grantees/contractors -- can modify for your own use).

3. **Brief discussion on silicone-based PCB contamination:**
   a. The workgroup decided to place any focus on silicone-based iPCB contamination on the back-burner due to its minor influence on the actual data collected around the watershed. The SRRTTF should remain aware of its implications in blank contamination.

4. **PCB's in products data base updates:**
   a. Mike Petersen confirmed that Amanda Parrish from the Lands Council continues to explore whether the Environmental Working Group may be interested in participating in this effort.
   b. Karl Rains and Adriane stated that Ecology is not best suited for this work, and recommended some external resource.
   c. Elsa suggested wither a public health agency or some consumer awareness/safety organization.
   d. Lisa suggested that Ben Floyd add this as an agenda item for the SRRTTF meeting since the SRHD would be present.
   e. The group discussed the goals of this project:
      i. Elsa stated that this would serve government agencies (i.e.: DES in executing the purchasing policy) and public agencies for education.
      ii. Mike Petersen stated this will serve as a tool for the SRRTTF to assess the significance pf PCB contributions and impacts to the Spokane River (i.e.: soaps that may contain PCBs processed through municipal WWTPs).
      iii. Karl emphasized that the original intent was the assumption that others outside of our watershed may have performed such studies (i.e.: EPA) and that this was to inform the work of the SRRTTF so as not to reinvent the wheel.
   f. Adriane provided the following link to the DES Purchasing Policy:

      DES

      DES PCBs and procurement training website: [HYPERLINK "https://des.wa.gov/services/contracting-purchasing/policies-training/contracts-procurement-training-development/contract-management-training-program/pcbs-procurement-training"]

5. **iPCB Key words for EPA research opportunity:**
   a. Reference the email response and clarification from Michelle Mullin of EPA dated July 2, 2019 in regards to this project.
   b. The workgroup will need to determine how the references and documents resulting from this study are to be evaluated. We will save this discussion upon receipt of the results from EPA to determine the depth and breadth of this effort.

6. **iPCB Workshop:**
   a. The SRRTTF approved the agenda/concept and budget for this workshop during its June, 2019 meeting.
   b. Co-Sponsors are NW Green Chemistry and Ken Zarker's group from Ecology.
   c. Also received input from CPMA and ACA
   d. Maria Blackshear (who supports Ken Zarkers group at Ecology) is researching venues, food, costs, etc. and we understand she will be the person who will be coordinating the event planning (from Lacey not ERO as anticipated).

e. We have a draft agenda and are working to pin down speakers (NW Green Chemistry is leading on much of the speaker piece), other interested attendees
f. CPMA is working with the workshop workgroup to identify speakers
g. Closing in on date and venue – downtown Spokane, likely October 8 and 9.
h. The draft agenda and the concept document are posted on the SRRTTF website.