TSCA/iPCB Workgroup Meeting Summary
July 8, 2020

TSCA Members in Attendance:

Scott Braithwaite (ACA)
David Darling (ACA)
Jeff Donovan (City of Spokane)
Lara Floyd (White Bluffs Consulting)
Lauren Heine (NW Green Chemistry)
Gary Jones (SGIA)
Doug Krapas (IEP)
Anna Montgomery (NWGC)
Robert Mott (Mott Consulting, LLC)
Cheryl Niemi (Ecology)
Mike Peterson (The Lands Council)
Elsa Pond (WA DOT)
Karl Rains (Ecology)
Lisa Dally Wilson (Dally Environmental)

Agenda Items Discussed:

General:

- David Darling requested that Scott Braithwaite, Director of Product Stewardship, Science & Technology for the American Coatings Association (ACA) be added to the TSCA/iPCB Workgroup distribution list. **Action D. Krapas**

1. **Road Paint Paper:**
   a. D. Krapas confirmed approval of the Road Paint Paper by the SRRTTF at the June meeting. The paper can now be posted to the SRRTTF website. **Action White Bluffs**
   b. The group discussed lessons learned from the development, revision and approval of the Road Paint Paper, including methods to improve function of the workgroup to develop and implement future projects:
      i. Smaller focus groups for specific projects (i.e.: iPCB Data Base Development) due to the large and diverse participants. However we must continue to be cognizant of the open and transparent nature of the work of the SRRTTF and not exclude participation.
      ii. More open and transparent communications for editing documents. Perhaps Google Docs or R. Mott sent an email following the meeting suggesting a platform such as MS Word where document can be placed on a server and shared for comments: [HYPERLINK "https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/collaborate-on-word-documents-with-real-time-co-authoring-7dd3040c-3f30-4fdd-bab0-8586492a1f1d"]
      iii. Suggest that edits also include comments that help to explain the rationale and background for edits.
      iv. Achieving consensus can be challenging and frustrating, but the diversity of the group should be embraced as it helps to articulate difficult issues clearly from many different perspectives. Suggest patience may be needed to attain final work products.
      v. Comments from the various organizations/entities participating should be consolidated into a single point of contact.
      vi. Set a clear schedule for receipt of comments.
      vii. Establish which stakeholders have input (i.e.: those interviewed). Other stakeholders that were not interviewed or joined later complicated development of final product.

2. **Update on PCB EPA Method 1668 study of TiO_2:** Jay West and Michael Ober were not available for this meeting, but provided the following update on the TDSC testing project via email: "Our next step is to train the individuals who will actually take the samples, and we hope to have all samples to the analytical lab by the end of September. If we can hit that milestone, we're pretty confident we'll be able to report results before the end of the year." **Action J. West & M. Ober.**

3. **PCB's in products data base updates:** A focus group meeting was held on June 19 to discuss the details and potential pathways for this project:
   a. The focus group suggested a Phase 1 approach to explore if others are interested and testing iPCBs in products outside of the work that WA State, Ecology, the SRRTTF, City of Spokane and EPA have conducted.
   b. Suggest using Gonzaga students to perform this research. Gonzaga has estimated somewhere between $2,000 and $4,000 for this scope of work. The SRRTTF will need a defined scope, budget and schedule for approval. **Action M. Petersen**
   c. Suggest including WA DES since they are tasked with preferential purchasing and this could be helpful with their efforts. **Action Elsa Pond to provided DES contact**
   d. Suggest focusing on laboratories that perform EPA Method 1668 analyses to see if others outside of WA are using these labs for PCB analysis of products. **Action Gonzaga**
   e. K. Rains that possible funding may be available from the State's Monsanto settlement for this and possibly other PCB related projects. **Action K. Rains**
   f. More investigation is needed into the Comprehensive Plan provision for a Clearinghouse to be developed by Ecology with SRRTTF support. C. Niemi reported that this element of the Comprehensive Plan may not have been fully understood by Ecology Management, since the existing Ecology data base cannot easily accept outside data and would be very labor intensive. More investigation will be needed if this project develops into subsequent implementation phases to determine if Ecology's data base fits this need. **Action Ecology**

4. **Education/Outreach:** M. Peterson provided an update on The Lands Council's national outreach campaign to expand knowledge on the iPCB issue:
   a. The Lands Council did not receive the Columbia River Toxics Grant that would have supported this national outreach effort.
   b. D. Krapas suggested reaching out to the Environmental Council of States (ECOS) through the Ecology representative. C. Niemi believes that this may be K. Zarker and offered to work with M. Peterson to bridge this connection. **Action C. Niemi & M. Peterson**

5. **iPCB Workshop:**

   a. A. Montgomery sent an email on July 8th that included the slide decks and minutes from all of iPCB Working Group Meetings (Technical Considerations, Government/Regulatory, and Advocacy/Policy). The email was sent to all registrants of the iPCB Workshop. D. Krapas will forward to the TSCA/iPCB Workgroup participants and suggested that they also be

posted on the SRRTTF website. **Action D. Krapas & White Bluffs**

b. The outcomes and potential next step projects from the iPCB Workshop, the subsequent iPCB Working Group Meetings, and the Road Paint Whitepaper are to be compiled for evaluation by the TSCA/iPCB Workgroup. D. Krapas will consolidate into a poll for TSCA/iPCB Workgroup members to rank for future discussion and project development. **Action D. Krapas**

6. **Safer Products WA:** C. Niemi provided a brief summary on the status of this program:
   a. A report was submitted to the legislature that includes iPCBs in Paints and Printing Inks: [HYPERLINK "https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/2004019.pdf"]
   b. Ecology's next steps include a public webinar in August to discuss the report

Other (not discussed, placeholders):

7. **Funding:** TTWG and Funding Workgroups to develop a coordinated strategy and consider using current funding to support this effort. Karl will put this request onto the Funding workgroup agenda for discussion and bring recommendations to SRRTTF for consideration. Lisa will put on the TTWG schedule for the May meeting. **Action L. Dally Wilson & K. Rains**

8. **EU Recast of POP Regulations -** L. Heine referenced the recent recast of the European Union regulations regarding persistent organic pollutants that appears to disallow any contamination of PCBs in products. The group asked J. West if he would be able to provide a summary to the group at the next TSCA/iPCB meeting in May regarding implications of this recast as it relates to PCBs. Jay was not available for the May meeting so reschedule for future meeting. **Action J. West**

9. **EPA research opportunities:** no representatives from EPA were on the call to provide an update to the following projects:
   a. **iPCB Key words for Scholarly Articles:** Michelle stated during our February, 2020 call that EPA is resource limited and is focused on higher priority projects such as site clean- ups and iPCB product testing (see below Children's Product Testing), so this particular project has been assigned a lower priority and is currently on the back burner. **Action M. Mullin**
   b. **Children's Product Testing**: Michelle stated during our February, 2020 call that this remains a work in progress, as EPA attempts to understand the variability of the results and other environmental influences (air emissions, dust adsorption, etc.). **Action M. Mullin**
   c. **NTP risk study of various Congeners and Aroclors**: NTP is evaluating toxicity of PCB congeners 11, 95, 126, 153 and Aroclors 1016 and 1254. **Action M. Mullin**