



Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force Update



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SRRTTF History

- Created in 2011
 - Provided a more comprehensive approach that addressed both point, and nonpoint sources of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).
 - Intended to avoid the immediate need for a PCB Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).
 - To provide an aggressive toxic source identification, control, reduction and elimination strategy.
 - Ecology published definition of measurable progress on July 17, 2014.
 - 1st Evaluation of Measurable Progress finalized in March of 2016.
 - 2nd Evaluation of Measurable Progress finalized in October of 2022

SRRTTF Measurable Progress

- Per requirements of the NPDES permits, completed the 2016 Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in the Spokane River
- Advanced studies to address data gaps in the Spokane Mainstem from the Idaho Border to Nine Mile Dam.
- Removed more than 8,000 pounds of PCBs from the watershed.



SRRTTF Transition

- Loss of membership of key stakeholders.
- EPA Development of Spokane River PCB TMDL by September 30, 2024.
- SRRTTF tentative sunset date: June 30, 2023
- ECY development of watershed wide community advisory board with a wider toxics focus.
- William D. Ruckelshaus Center to conduct an impartial situation assessment.
 - Spokane River Forum session on Thursday, April 27th at 2pm in room 302A.

Questions?

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