

The Department of Ecology's Response to: Lincoln Loehr – Heller-Ehrman (Comment 07)

The assessment for metals was reviewed to determine whether waterbody segments qualify for Category 1 as described in WQ Program Policy 1-11. The requirements for a Category 1 listing for toxics based on water column data include the following:

- At least 10 sample values within a three year period are available.
- No exceedance of the applicable criteria has been detected in the ten years previous to the call-for-data date.
- All available data have been provided.
- Sample data represent any critical period that has been identified in the waterbody for that pollutant.

The following listings resulted from this review:

- 6 waterbody segments meet the requirements for Category 1 for arsenic (53217, 53211, 53218, 53220, 53216, 53219),
- 4 waterbody segments meet the requirements for Category 1 for lead (53210, 53214, 53212, 53213), and
- 1 waterbody segment meets the requirements for Category 1 for copper (53215).