

April 6, 2010

MTCA Cleanup Regulation Update

Several advisory groups are providing input to Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program regarding updates to the MTCA Cleanup Regulation. As part of this update, Ecology is also looking at cleanup portions of the Sediment Management Standards (SMS).

MTCA/SMS Advisory Group Meets April 26

The next meeting of the **MTCA / SMS Advisory Group** is Monday, April 26, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fabulich Conference Center in Tacoma, Room 104. Topics on the agenda include:

- Cleanup of contaminated sediments.
- Fish consumption rates.
- Method A cleanup levels.

All meetings are open to the public. Meeting materials (background documents, agendas, etc.) are posted before each meeting. Meeting summaries are posted after being approved by members. Information about this meeting is on the Ecology web site at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/2009MTCA/AdvGrpMeetingInfo/AdvGrpMtgSchedule.html>

Materials from the March 22, 2010 MTCA/SMS Advisory Group Posted

Ecology presented information and early draft ideas on several issues related to updating cleanup levels in the MTCA rule.

- Preliminary Review of Method A Cleanup Levels for Groundwater and Soil
- Early-Life Exposure to Chemical Carcinogens: Looking at Benzo[a]pyrene as an Example for updates to the Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation
- Updating Cleanup Levels for Lead-Contaminated Soils

Additional information is on the Ecology web site at:

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Sediments Workgroup Meeting Cancelled

Please note that the Sediment Workgroup meeting scheduled for April 20, 2010 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be in May but a date has not yet been set.

The Sediments Workgroup completed its fifth meeting on March 16, 2010. Meeting materials are available on the Ecology website.

Ecology will be continuing discussions on how to clarify protection of human health from bioaccumulative contaminants and incorporate background concentrations when setting cleanup standards. Ecology will solicit input on the definition of Regional Background and how the SMS rule and MTCA could be revised to feasibly implement a final cleanup with a low cleanup standard based on background.

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/2009MTCA/SedMtgGroupInfo/SGMtgInfo/SediWGMeetingInfo.html>

Science Panel met March 25

The MTCA Science Panel met on March 25, 2010 to discuss several scientific and technical aspects of the MTCA rule revision. The meeting materials will soon be posted at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/SciencePanel2009/SciencePanel_hp.html

Ecology welcomes suggestions on rulemaking issues throughout the process. Please send input, questions, or concerns to RuleUpdate @ecy.wa.gov .

Thank you for your continued interest in the MTCA rule update. If you have questions or suggestions related to this announcement, please contact:

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