

April 29, 2010

Hello everyone,

Here is a summary of the homework questions we left you with on Monday, April 26, 2010, plus a reminder of questions from previous meetings. **For purposes of collecting your input, please send responses to me.** Thank you so much for your continued thoughtful participation.

Homework assigned April 26

Review meeting summary

Please send corrections or clarifications to me (Martha) by COB Friday. (Thanks.)

Fish Consumption Rates

What specifically do you think should be placed in the MTCA rule about fish consumption rates, both generally (as changes to the default value) and/or for site specific evaluations?

Sediments: "hot spots plus"

- 1) In order to achieve cleanup of contaminated sediments within a reasonable time frame, what incentives and disincentives you do think will help encourage PLPs to actively cooperate early in the cleanup process?
- 2) Defining regional background: The proposed definition of regional background was: *"Hydrodynamically defined areas based on mechanisms of contribution and distribution of persistent, ubiquitous and uncontrollable contaminants."*
 - a. How can we refine this definition? How would an embayment scale definition work for Puget Sound?
 - b. What is the best way to incorporate science in the definition of regional background? For example, how would the term "hydrodynamically defined" be specified for both Puget Sound and freshwater environments?
- 3) How do you recommend implementing a final cleanup at sites in small bays when the entire embayment may be influenced by local sources and could be considered "area background" under the MTCA definition?

Thoughts on the overall framework

Please review the handout that outlines proposed changes to the groundwater and soil cleanup standards framework. We will discuss this further at the next meeting. Comments provided to Ecology by May 14 will be most helpful.

Follow-up from previous meetings

Lead Cleanup Levels

1. Do you have opinions on whether Ecology revise lead cleanup levels in this rulemaking?
2. Do you have opinions on the two key policy choices associated with revising the lead cleanup levels (i.e., target blood lead concentration and probability of exceeding that target level)?

3. What implementation issues/concerns do you see arising if we change the method A soil cleanup level for unrestricted land uses (e.g., additional sampling, etc?)
4. What other rule changes would be needed/appropriate to support changes in cleanup levels?

Early life exposure

Ecology is considering revisions to the MTCA Cleanup Regulation to account for children's increased susceptibility from exposures to chemical carcinogens. What factors do you think that Ecology should consider as we evaluate revising the MTCA cleanup regulation to account for early life exposure?

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