

October 31, 2012

This letter was sent to prospective participants: Johan Helman; Jeffrey Louch; Elaine Faustman; Nayak Polissr; Lon Kissinger; Dave McBride, Rosalind Schoof; Heather Trim; Sarah Ogier; Lincoln Loehr; and Michael Garry.

Dear <prospective participant>,

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is engaged in a number of public conversations that relate to regulatory efforts around reducing toxics in the environment. Recently a toxics reduction Strategy Workgroup began meeting, a water quality Policy Forum began; and a number of technical sediment cleanup advisory groups have met over the past several years.

Separate from these efforts, Ecology invites you to participate in a technical review panel discussion regarding analyses of the Fish Consumption Rate (FCR) Technical Support Document (TSD), Version 2. This is intended as a more technical and specific discussion than the fish consumption workshops previously held.

There will be two Technical Review Meetings held in Seattle, therefore, please “Save-the-Date” for the following:

November 5, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (noon -1 lunch)

November 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (noon -1 lunch)

*(The first meeting will be held at the EPA offices in Seattle; the location for the second meeting is yet to be determined.)* These Technical Review Meetings will focus on major fish consumption-related technical issues raised in comments received by Ecology on Version 1 of the FCR TSD. The purpose of these meetings are to discuss the technical analyses Ecology engaged in following the public input received on the draft document (FCR TSD v. 1). Ecology is hosting these meetings to provide an opportunity to discuss and consider the additional evaluations done, and how Ecology responded to the input. Meetings will be open to the public and time will be reserved on the agenda for audience comments.

The Technical Review Meetings are intended to focus solely on the technical analyses; although we acknowledge that it is difficult to separate the science and policy questions, these FCR Technical Review Meetings are not intended for discussion of FCR policy questions. Enclosed are the draft agendas for the two Technical Review Meetings listed above; links to the technical documents, and other reference materials for Technical Review Meeting discussions can be found <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/fish.html>.

In addition to the Technical Review Meetings, I'd like to mention the other related work group type meetings happening in the coming months. As Ecology reviews information regarding adopting surface water quality standards protective of human health and based on revised human health criteria, FCR policy questions will be discussed in the separate Policy Forum. This Forum began with a meeting October 29, 2012, and will continue for several months. For more information on the Policy Forum, click here: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2012/346.html>. Ecology's Sediment Management Standards rule making, public comments on proposed rulemaking, and Sediment Cleanup Advisory Committee meetings are detailed at Ecology's web page "SMS Rule Making" click here: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/2011-SMS/2011-SMS-hp.html> And information about the Toxics Reduction Strategy Workgroup is available here: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/policy\\_trs.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/policy_trs.htm)

If you would like to participate in the Technical Review Meeting discussions, please contact Angie Thomson at (206) 269-5041 or [athomson@enviroissues.com](mailto:athomson@enviroissues.com) to confirm. If you have questions about the review process for the FCR TSD, please contact Martha Hankins at (360) 407-6864 or [martha.hankins@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:martha.hankins@ecy.wa.gov) . For directions to the EPA Region 10 office click here: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/extaff.nsf/webpage/Visiting+Our+Offices>

Sincerely,

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Toxics Cleanup Program

Enclosures