

Surface Water Quality Standards Delegate's Table and Policy Forum

Draft Agendas for Future Policy Forums

Policy Forum 1: October 29, 2012

- Orientation to Process.
- Updates on Toxics Reduction Initiative, Sediment Management Standards, and Fish Consumption Rates Technical Support Document.
- Introductions: Delegates and Staff.
- Schedule of future Policy Forum topics.
- Draft discharge scenarios for use in Policy Forum discussions.
- Cost Benefit Analysis – Administrative Procedures Act and Clean Water Act considerations.

Policy Forum 2: December 10, 2012

- Updates on Toxics Reduction Initiative, Sediment Management Standards, and Fish Consumption Rates Technical Support Document.
- Current status of human health criteria in Washington.
- Scope of the Clean Water Act and State Authority.
- Human Health Criteria Equation.
- Finalized scenarios and discharge permit alternatives under current regulations (implementation tools).

Policy Forum 3: February 8, 2013

- Updates on Toxics Reduction Initiative, Sediment Management Standards, and Fish Consumption Rates Technical Support Document.

- Ecology's report: An Assessment of the Chlorinated Pesticide Background in Washington State Freshwater Fish and Implications for 303(d) Listings.
- Background concentrations of PCBs and dioxins in Washington waters.
- Risk Discussion - Risk levels and human health criteria calculation.
- Scenarios – How does changing the risk level used in the criteria calculations change potential permitting requirements?

Policy Forum 4: March 28, 2013

- Updates on Toxics Reduction Initiative, Sediment Management Standards, and Fish Consumption Rates Technical Support Document.
- Chemical Lists and Human Health Criteria.
- Department of Health's Fish Advisories: how Department of Health develops fish advisories and how they intersect with fish consumption rates.
- Mercury and PCBs: complex issues associated with regulation of mercury and PCBs in surface waters.

Policy Forum 5: May 23, 2013

- Continuation of March 28 Policy Forum discussion, including additional information on mercury.
- Specific chemical issues: Arsenic – Part 1.
- Reference doses and cancer potency factors: a presentation by Lon Kissinger, EPA Region 10.
- Relative source contribution: an important input to the criteria equations for non-carcinogens.
- Levels of protection for carcinogens and non-carcinogens: science and policy issues.
- Implementation issues: detectable levels of human health criteria chemicals in effluents of some municipal treatment plants using 40CFR136 methods.

Policy Forum 6: July 17, 2013 (tentative)

- Specific chemical issues: Arsenic – Part 2.
- What do we know about sources of toxics in fish caught in Washington?

- Inputs to criterion calculation: uncertainty and compounded conservatism.
- Approaches to criteria calculation: information on Probabilistic Analysis and Point Estimate approaches.
- Scenarios – effect of PCB criteria changes on PCB discharge scenarios, effect of different 303(d) listing approaches on scenario outcomes.

Policy Forum 7: September 12, 2013 (tentative)

- Science and policy discussion related to human health criteria.
- Fish consumption rates - policy choices and regional data.
- Other state's fish consumption rates.
- Review: Scope of the CWA.
- Scenarios: How different policy choices on fish consumption and risk level effect criteria calculation and scenario outcomes.

Policy Forum 8: November 6, 2013 (tentative)

- Specific input from delegates.
- What is likely to be in the draft proposed rules: Discussion of most likely risk management directions for human health criteria CR-102 draft rule and most likely direction for implementation tools CR-102 draft rule.