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Good Afternoon,

You have been identified as a stakeholder in the *Spokane River and Lake Spokane Dissolved Oxygen TMDL* and as an affected party in the dispute resolution process. As you may have heard, the initiation of a dispute resolution process was requested by three different parties at the end of February. The disputing parties are: city of Post Falls Idaho, city of Coeur d'Alene Idaho, and Inland Empire Paper Company. Copies of their dispute request letters and more information will be made available on Ecology's website soon.

Ecology's Water Quality Program has agreed to hold an oral presentation meeting according to [WQP Policy 1-25](#) where the disputing parties can present their claims and evidence to a dispute resolution panel consisting of 4 Ecology staff, uninvolved in the development of the TMDL, and with expertise related to the disputed claims (panel members are identified in [Policy 1-25](#)). The details for this meeting are as follows:

Date/Time: Monday, 5 April 2010 from 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Location: [Spokane Fire Department Training Complex \(downtown Spokane\)](#)
1618 N. Rebecca St
Spokane, WA 99217

Because you have been identified as an affected party in this process you have an opportunity to submit written comments to be included in the panel's deliberations. A formal letter will be sent by mail to you on Friday, March 12th that will include this and a little more information. **You are also invited to attend the oral presentations on April 5th.**

I am the dispute resolution coordinator and will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have regarding this process. Email will get the quickest response, but you can reach me by phone also.

Best Regards,

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