

SPOKANE RIVER TOXICS & HUMAN HEALTH WORKSHOP

*Sponsored by The Lands Council and the
Collaborative on Health and the Environment - Washington*

Wednesday, June 18th, 5-9 p.m.

Community Building Lobby, 35 W. Main Ave., Spokane

Agenda:

Note: This agenda is somewhat flexible, created to help us allow time for the top issues of concern to be covered, but it can be rearranged if needed to give time to key issues as they arise.

5-6 p.m. Reception, informal networking, and words of welcome.

6:00 Welcome, background on how this meeting came about, introductions, and agenda review. *Aimee Boulanger (Institute for Children's Environmental Health), Mike Petersen (The Lands Council), and Kat Hall (The Lands Council)*

6:15 Environmental Health – Framing, overview, and description of current issues of concern. *Dr. Patricia Butterfield, WSU Intercollegiate College of Nursing*

6:30 The Spokane River – Framing of our community's river and what it means to us. *Andy Dunau, Spokane River Forum*

6:40 Data – What's in the River? Facts and analyses on toxics, sampling results. *Dale Norton, WA Department of Ecology*

6:55 Discussion (*Moderated by Kat Hall*) – What does this data mean to human health and to the general health of the River? *Dale Norton, Peter deFur (Center for Justice), Jim Dawson (Washington Toxics Coalition), Dr. Phil Butterfield (WSU), Dr. Patricia Butterfield, WA Department of Health staff, Spokane Regional Health District staff; others welcome*

7:45 Fish Consumption Advisories (*Moderated by Andy Dunau*) – What are the recent updates, and how can we best convey this new information to the public to protect human health? *Elmer Diaz (WA Department of Health), Dave McBride (WA Department of Health), Erin Kochaniewicz (WA Department of Health), Mike LaScuola (Spokane Regional Health District), Carol Bergin (WA Department of Ecology), Peter deFur, BJ Cummings (Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition); others welcome*

8:15 Framing a longer-term discussion on protecting the Spokane River and human health (*Moderated by Aimee Boulanger*) – What do we know about sources of these toxics and opportunities to reduce them? What might "cleanup" or "prevention" of these toxics mean? We'll look at current local efforts, state regulation and legislation, national policies, and what other communities have done to clean up their rivers. (Note that we won't necessarily answer this tonight; rather, this section will help us clarify which questions we need to address in our efforts to protect the Spokane River and human health) *Jim Dawson, BJ Cummings, Peter deFur, Andy Dunau, Kat Hall, WA Department of Health staff, WA Department of Ecology staff; others welcome*

8:45 Next steps (*Aimee Boulanger, Andy Dunau, Kat Hall*) – What are they? Which participants would like to continue this discussion and in what way?

9:00 Adjourn