

**Spokane-Coeur d'Alene Watershed  
Regional Water Issue Matrix  
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Regional Water Issues	Lead Agency	Cooperating Agencies	Decision Dates	Notes & Weblinks
IdahoPanhandle National Forest Plan	U.S. Forest Service, Jodi Kramer, 208-765-7235, <a href="mailto:r1_kipz_revision@fs.fed.us">r1_kipz_revision@fs.fed.us</a>			Forest planning for 10-15 year period. <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/forestplan/index.html#fprev">http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/forestplan/index.html#fprev</a>
Coeur d'Alene Basin Superfund Cleanup	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Sheila Eckmann <a href="mailto:eckman.sheila@epa.gov">eckman.sheila@epa.gov</a> 206-553-0455	Idaho Basin Env'l Improvement Commission <a href="mailto:info@basincommission.com">info@basincommission.com</a>  Wash. Dep't of Ecology  Coeur d'Alene Tribe  National Academies of Sciences, Karl Gustavson	NAS Review due April 2005	Cleanup of heavy metals (eg. lead, zinc, cadmium) throughout the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane River basins. Most of the metals pollution generated by historic mine waste disposal practices.  <a href="http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/cda">http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/cda</a>  <a href="http://www.basincommission.com/">www.basincommission.com/</a>  NAS evaluation of EPA's science & technical practices relating to the Coeur d'Alene Superfund cleanup:  <a href="http://www4.nas.edu/webcr.nsf/5c50571a75df494485256a95007a091e/83f6895325974c1585256df0005fea1e?OpenDocument">www4.nas.edu/webcr.nsf/5c50571a75df494485256a95007a091e/83f6895325974c1585256df0005fea1e?OpenDocument</a>
Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan	Coeur d'Alene Tribe Phil Cernera, 208-667-5772, <a href="mailto:philc@cdatribe-nsn.gov">philc@cdatribe-nsn.gov</a>  Idaho Dep't of Environmental Quality, Ed Tulloch, 208-769-1422, <a href="mailto:etulloch@deq.state.id.us">etulloch@deq.state.id.us</a>	US EPA		Water quality mgt plan for Lake Coeur d'Alene; Idaho has requested this plan be used as basis to de-list Superfund status of lake.  <a href="http://www.deq.state.id.us/water/surface_water/CdA_Lake_Mgmt_Plan.htm">http://www.deq.state.id.us/water/surface_water/CdA_Lake_Mgmt_Plan.htm</a>  Funding: Coeur d'Alene Tribe has issued \$5 million challenge grant to feds and Idaho
Shoreline Master Plan Updates	Spokane County, Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley Jim Falk, 509-477-7228, <a href="mailto:jfalk@spokanecounty.org">jfalk@spokanecounty.org</a>	Wash. Dep't of Ecology Doug Pineo, 509-329-3416, <a href="mailto:dpin461@ecy.wa.gov">dpin461@ecy.wa.gov</a>		<a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/index.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/index.html</a>
PCB MTCA Action	Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program, John Roland <a href="mailto:Jrol461@ecy.wa.gov">Jrol461@ecy.wa.gov</a> 509-329-3581		Cleanup study due out in late 2004	Water quality cleanup plan for PCBs in sediments behind Upriver Dam. <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/spo_riv/spo_riv.htm">www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/spo_riv/spo_riv.htm</a>

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PCB TMDL	Ecology Water Quality Program Ken Merrill, 509-325-3515 <a href="mailto:kmer461@ecy.wa.gov">kmer461@ecy.wa.gov</a>	Spokane Regional Health District Mike LaScuola 509-324-1574	Draft technical study due out Dec. 2004	Water quality cleanup plan for PCBs in the Spokane River and sediments. <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/spokaneriver/pcb/problem.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/spokaneriver/pcb/problem.html</a> <a href="http://www.srhd.org/safety/environment/default.asp">www.srhd.org/safety/environment/default.asp</a>
Dissolved Oxygen TMDL	Ecology Water Quality Program Ken Merrill, <a href="mailto:kmer461@ecy.wa.gov">kmer461@ecy.wa.gov</a> 509-325-3515	US EPA - Wash. Operations Office Dave Ragsdale <a href="mailto:rags461@ecy.wa.gov">rags461@ecy.wa.gov</a> 360-407-6589	Comments due Nov. 30  Dec. 2004 submittal to EPA	Water quality cleanup plan for dissolved oxygen in the Spokane River. Most DO is generated by sewage treatment plants.  <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/spokaneriver/dissolved_oxygen/problem.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/spokaneriver/dissolved_oxygen/problem.html</a>
Dissolved Oxygen Use Attainability Analysis (UAA)	City and County of Spokane, Liberty Lake Sewer District, Spokane Valley, Post Falls, Hayden Area Sewer Board, Coeur d'Alene, Inland Empire Paper, Kaiser Aluminum  Marlena Guhlke <a href="mailto:Marlena.guhlke@ch2m.com">Marlena.guhlke@ch2m.com</a> 509-747-2000		Estimated submittal to Ecology Nov. 2004	Proposal to lower dissolved oxygen water quality standard for Spokane River.  <a href="http://projects.ch2m.com/spokaneriveruses/index.html">http://projects.ch2m.com/spokaneriveruses/index.html</a>  Funding: \$480,000 (Project Sponsors)
Total Dissolved Gas TMDL	Ecology Water Quality Program		To be done concurrent with Avista license	Water quality cleanup plan for total dissolved gas in the Spokane River. Most TDG is generated by dams. <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/spokaneriver/tdg/problem.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/spokaneriver/tdg/problem.html</a>
Latah Creek TMDL	Spokane County Conservation District Rick Noll, <a href="mailto:rick-noll@sccd.org">rick-noll@sccd.org</a> , 509-535-7274  Ecology Water Quality Program, 360-407-6486 Joe Joy, <a href="mailto:jjoy461@ecy.wa.gov">jjoy461@ecy.wa.gov</a>		Project underway spring 2004	Water quality cleanup plan for Latah (Hangman) Creek focusing on phosphorous, fecal coliform and total suspended sediments.

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Little Spokane River TMDL	Spokane Cty Cons. Dist., Walt Edelen, <a href="mailto:walt-edelen@sccd.org">walt-edelen@sccd.org</a> , 509-535-7274  Ecology Water Quality Prog., Paul Turner, 509-329-3580, <a href="mailto:ptur461@ecy.wa.gov">ptur461@ecy.wa.gov</a>		Project underway summer 2004	Water quality cleanup plan for Little Spokane River focusing on temperature, fecal coliform dissolved oxygen  <a href="http://www.sccd.org/lsrcw.htm">http://www.sccd.org/lsrcw.htm</a>
Washington NPDES permits  Liberty Lake, KACC, IEP  City of Spokane  County of Spokane	Washington Dep't of Ecology Len Bramble, 509-329-3504, <a href="mailto:lbra461@ecy.wa.gov">lbra461@ecy.wa.gov</a> , or Richard Koch, 509-329-3519, <a href="mailto:rkoc461@ecy.wa.gov">rkoc461@ecy.wa.gov</a>	       Bruce Rawls, County Utilities Director, 509-477-3604	Permits expired,  Permit expires March 2005  On hold	Water quality discharge permits for individual facilities.  Dep't of Ecology does not have a website for Spokane River NPDES permits.  Liberty Lake Water & Sewer District: <a href="http://www.libertylake.org/">http://www.libertylake.org/</a>  City: <a href="http://www.spokanewastewater.org/">http://www.spokanewastewater.org/</a>  County: <a href="http://www.spokanecounty.org/utilities/wwfp/">http://www.spokanecounty.org/utilities/wwfp/</a>
Midnite Mine Superfund Cleanup	US Env'l Protection Agency Ellen Hale, <a href="mailto:hale.ellie@epa.gov">hale.ellie@epa.gov</a> 206-553-1215	Spokane Tribe Randy Connolly <a href="mailto:Connolly@spokanetribe.com">Connolly@spokanetribe.com</a> 509-258-7709	Remedial Investigation to be issued summer2004	Open pit uranium mine on the Spokane Reservation. Drainage to Blue Creek and the Spokane River arm of Lake Roosevelt.  <a href="http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/midnite">http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/midnite</a>
Middle/Little Spokane River (WRIA 55/57) Watershed Plan	Spokane Cty Water Quality Div. Rob Lindsay 509-477-7259 <a href="mailto:rlindsay@spokanecounty.org">rlindsay@spokanecounty.org</a>  Ecology Watershed Planning Brian Farmer, 509-329-3561 <a href="mailto:bfar461@ecy.wa.gov">bfar461@ecy.wa.gov</a>	City of Spokane, Vera Water & Power, Whitworth Water District, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties	Plan due to Ecology Dec. 2004	Water supply and instream flow plan for Spokane River between state line and Monroe Street and Little Spokane River.  <a href="http://www.spokanewatershed.org/ASP/Home.asp">www.spokanewatershed.org/ASP/Home.asp</a>  <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/5557.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/5557.html</a>  Funding: \$1.2 million (as of 12/03) (WA State)

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Latah Creek (WRIA 56) Watershed Plan	Spokane County Conservation District Walt Edelen, <a href="mailto:walt-edelen@sccd.org">walt-edelen@sccd.org</a> 509-535-7274  Ecology Watershed Planning Brian Farmer, 509- 329-3561 <a href="mailto:bfar461@ecy.wa.gov">bfar461@ecy.wa.gov</a>	City & County of Spokane, Whitman County, Hangman Hills Water District, SCCD; Coeur d'Alene Tribe	Plan due to Ecology Dec.2004  Public review autumn 2004	Water supply plan for Latah (Hangman) Creek.  <a href="http://www.sccd.org/2514.htm">www.sccd.org/2514.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/56.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/56.html</a>  Funding: \$35K (as of 12/03) (WA State)
Lower Spokane River (WRIA 54) Watershed Plan	Spokane County Water Quality Program – Bill Gilmour <a href="mailto:bgilmour@spokanecounty.org">bgilmour@spokanecounty.org</a> 509-477-7260  Ecology Watershed Planning Brian Farmer, 509- 329-3561 <a href="mailto:bfar461@ecy.wa.gov">bfar461@ecy.wa.gov</a>	Spokane Tribe, City of Spokane, Spokane, Stevens, Lincoln Counties, Stevens PUD	Plan due to Ecology Jan. 2009	Water supply and instream flow planning for Spokane River between Monroe Street and Columbia River.  <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/54.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/watershed/54.html</a>  Funding: \$50K (as of 12/03) (WA state)
Washington water rights	Washington Dep't of Ecology	Spokane County Water Conservancy Board	Ongoing	Washington has a de facto moratorium on new water rights from SVRP Aquifer. The agency is processing changes to existing water rights.  <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/conservancy_boards/cb-home.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/conservancy_boards/cb-home.html</a>
Great Gorge Park	Friends of the Falls Doug Siddoway, <a href="mailto:djs@randanco.com">djs@randanco.com</a>		Strategic Master Plan Dec. 2004	Proposal to protect Spokane River downstream of Spokane Falls.  <a href="http://www.friendsofthefalls.org">www.friendsofthefalls.org</a>
SVRP Bi-State Aquifer Study	U.S. Geological Survey Mark Savoca, 253-428-3600 X 2660, <a href="mailto:mesavoca@usgs.gov">mesavoca@usgs.gov</a>	Idaho Dep't of Env'l Quality Hal Anderson, 208-327-7900 <a href="mailto:handerso@idwr.state.id.us">handerso@idwr.state.id.us</a>  WA Dep't of Ecology Keith Stoffel, 509-329-3464 <a href="mailto:ksto461@ecy.wa.gov">ksto461@ecy.wa.gov</a>	2005 is 2nd year of est. 5-year workplan	Technical study of Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.  <a href="http://wa.water.usgs.gov/projects/svrv/">wa.water.usgs.gov/projects/svrv/</a>  <a href="http://www.idwr.state.id.us/hydrologic/projects/svrv/">www.idwr.state.id.us/hydrologic/projects/svrv/</a>  <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/aquifer/Aquifer_brochure.pdf">www.ecy.wa.gov/aquifer/Aquifer_brochure.pdf</a>  Funding: \$500K (federal) plus \$100K (WA) and \$80K in-kind (ID) Now seeking \$1.5 million from EPA, USGS & VA HUD
Idaho water rights	Idaho Dep't of Water Resources, Bob Haynes 208-769-1450, <a href="mailto:bhaynes@idwr.state.id.us">bhaynes@idwr.state.id.us</a>		Ongoing  Report due Dec. 2004	Idaho continues to issue water rights for the Spokane-Rathdrum Aquifer: <a href="http://www.idwr.state.id.us/">http://www.idwr.state.id.us/</a>  The ID legislature has established an interim committee to study SVRP Aquifer issues. Committee info at IDWR website.

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Idaho Groundwater Mgt. Plan	Idaho Dep't Water Resources Bob Haynes, 208-769-1450 <a href="mailto:bhaynes@idwr.state.id.us">bhaynes@idwr.state.id.us</a>		Draft plan to IDWR Boise May 2004	Groundwater management plan for Idaho portion of the SVRP Aquifer: <a href="http://www.idwr.state.id.us/">http://www.idwr.state.id.us/</a>
Avista Dam Relicensing	Federal Energy Reg. Comm'n, John Cofrancesco 202-502-8951  ID Dept. of Env'l Qu. (401 Cert)  WA Dep't of Ecology (401 Cert) Brian Farmer, 509-329-3572, <a href="mailto:bfar461@ecy.wa.gov">bfar461@ecy.wa.gov</a>	Avista Corp., Bruce Howard <a href="mailto:bruce.howard@avistacorp.com">bruce.howard@avistacorp.com</a> 509-495-2941	Draft license. Feb. 2005; Final appl. to FERC 7/05; 401 apps to DOE, IDEQ July 2005	Renewal of licenses for five of Avista's six Spokane River dams. <a href="http://www.avistautilities.com/resources/relicensing/spokane/">http://www.avistautilities.com/resources/relicensing/spokane/</a>  Idaho & Washington must certify the dams meet water quality standards. For info re WA's 401 certification program: <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ferc/index.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/ferc/index.html</a>
Lake Roosevelt Cleanup	US Env'l Protection Agency Kevin Rochlin, 206-553-2106 <a href="mailto:rochlin.kevin@epa.gov">rochlin.kevin@epa.gov</a>	Colville & Spokane Tribes, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, WA Dep't of Ecology	Remedial investigation underway June 2004	Cleanup investigation relating to slag and mercury pollution in Columbia River from Trail, B.C. smelter <a href="http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/UpperC">http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/UpperC</a>  Colville Tribes-WA state v. Teck Cominco lawsuit pending

**Environmental NGOs working on Spokane watershed water issues:**

Advocates for the West, Sara Denniston Eddie, 208-342-7024, [seddie@rmci.net](mailto:seddie@rmci.net)

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Columbia River Keeper, Cyndy deBruler, 509-493-2808, [cruwa@gorge.net](mailto:cruwa@gorge.net)

Eloika Lake Association, Greg Sweeney, 509-448-8055, [greg@cgsweeney.com](mailto:greg@cgsweeney.com)

Friends of the Aquifer, Julian Powers, 509-838-5803, [julianjane@icehouse.net](mailto:julianjane@icehouse.net)

Friends of the Centennial Trail, 509-624-7188, [friends@spokanecentennialtrail.org](mailto:friends@spokanecentennialtrail.org)

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Spokane Canoe & Kayak Club, Dick Rivers, [rsrivers@comcast.net](mailto:rsrivers@comcast.net)

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