

CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

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Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Working Group Meeting

### BACKGROUND

At the May 2019 Columbia River Toxics Reduction Working Group (Working Group) meeting, individuals recognized the need for an updated list of key contaminants of concern (CoC). A subgroup was formed to develop a CoC list and supplemental materials with information on priority toxic pollutants in the Columbia River Basin based on consideration factors and existing data.

**Intended Audience:** The primary audience for the updated CoC framework is the Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group and other entities working to assess, reduce, and/or clean up toxics in the watershed.

**Intended Use:** The primary intended use for the CoC framework is to guide collaboration and implementation of toxics monitoring and reduction efforts across the Columbia River Basin.

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## Draft COC Framework presented to Working Group - October 10, 2019

Feedback from Willamette River Toxics Reduction Partnership — January 29, 2019

Final subgroup call – March 4, 2020

Present framework at Columbia River Basin Restoration Act Working Group Meeting — May 20, 2020

Publish to the EPA Columbia River Website – Fall 2020

## **NEXT STEPS**



### BENEFITS OF UPDATING THE COC LIST

- Help prioritize monitoring, outreach, or clean-up projects
- Align with state priority lists
- Communicate to management/the public
- Guide collaboration with partners on the ground
- Connect to TMDL implementation efforts
- Identify current data gaps/needs

### **COC FRAMEWORK INCLUDES:**

- 1. Introduction to orient users and clarify scope, intended uses, background, etc.
- 2. Updated COC List to facilitate action by on-the-ground practitioners and reflect current knowledge in the Basin
- **3. Consideration Factors** to support the COC Framework as a living document
- 4. Best Management Practice (BMP) Resources with publicly available guides
- 5. Supplemental background data spreadsheet

## 2020 CONSIDERATION FACTORS

#### Is it listed as a potential pollutant of concern in Clean Water Act rules or state laws/rules?

(See "Evidence of the Problem" column in accompanying Excel spreadsheet)

Is it listed on the 303 (d) list in any state within the Basin?

Does a TMDL exist for this contaminant?

Is a toxics reduction/management action plan being developed?

Have concentrations of concern (e.g., above numeric benchmarks, screening levels or criteria)

been detected in the Columbia River Basin?

Is emerging science identifying this contaminant as a "new" concern?

#### Is it an ecological threat, a human health threat, or both?

(See "Biological Effects" column in accompanying Excel spreadsheet)

Are there fish advisories associated with this contaminant?

Is there evidence of this contaminant in fish and wildlife?

Is it identified as persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic?

Is the contaminant a suspected or known carcinogen?

Is the contaminant identified as a suspected or known endocrine disrupter?

Are noncancer effects associated with this contaminant?

#### 3. Is there an implementation plan/reduction strategy in place?

(See "Reduction Strategies" column in accompanying Excel spreadsheet)

Does a TMDL exist for this contaminant?

Is there a Pesticide Stewardship Program in place to address it?

Has the contaminant been addressed through specific rules or other actions under EPA's Toxic

Substances Control Act (TSCA)?

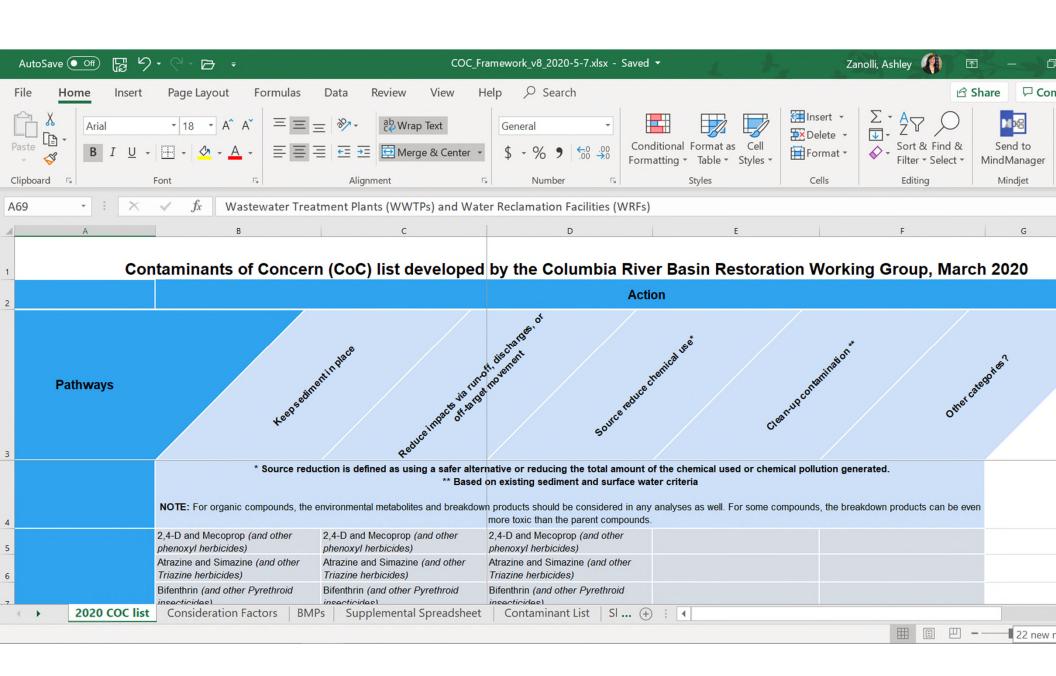
Is this contaminant included in EPA's National Strategic Plan for the Columbia River?

Are there other implementation/reduction strategies taking place for this contaminant?

	Actions				
Pathways	Keep Sediment in Place	Reduce Runoff/Discharges	Source Reductions	Clean-up Contamination	Other?
Agriculture	DDT				
Forestry		Glyphosate			
Mining			Cyanide		
Urban/Stormwater				PAHs	
Wastewater Treatment Plants			PFAS		
Industrial Use		PCBs			
Air Deposition	Mercury				

Note: the above graphic for example purposes only.

## UPDATED FRAMEWORK STRUCTURE



## UPDATED COC LIST (EXCEL)

Contaminants of Concern (CoC) list developed by the Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group, March 2020

	Action				
Pathways	<b>Leep</b> sedine	DDT (and other lenacy	A discharge of	penica lee <sup>*</sup>	Other categories?
	organochlorine pesticides, e.g.	DBT (and other regue)	DDT (and other legacy organochlorine pesticides, e.g. Dieldrin and Chlordane)		
Agriculture	Dichlobenil (herbicide)	Dichlobenil (herbicide)	Dichlobenil (herbicide)		
	Diuron (herbicide)	Diuron (herbicide)	Diuron (herbicide)		
	Glyphosate	Glyphosate	Glyphosate		
		Imidacloprid (and other Neonicitinoid insecticides)	Imidacloprid (and other Neonicitinoid insecticides)		
2020 COC list	Consideration Factors BMP	s   Supplemental Spreadsheet	Contaminant List Sl (+)	)	

## SUPPLEMENTAL BACKGROUND DATA

**Contaminant Name** 

**Evidence of the Problem** 

**Biological Effects** 

**Reduction Strategies** 

**Methods and Criteria** 

Sampling Media

Rationale (for media)

Media with detects in Columbia River or tributaries

Notes on spatial patterns

References for Columbia River Basin detections

Other notes

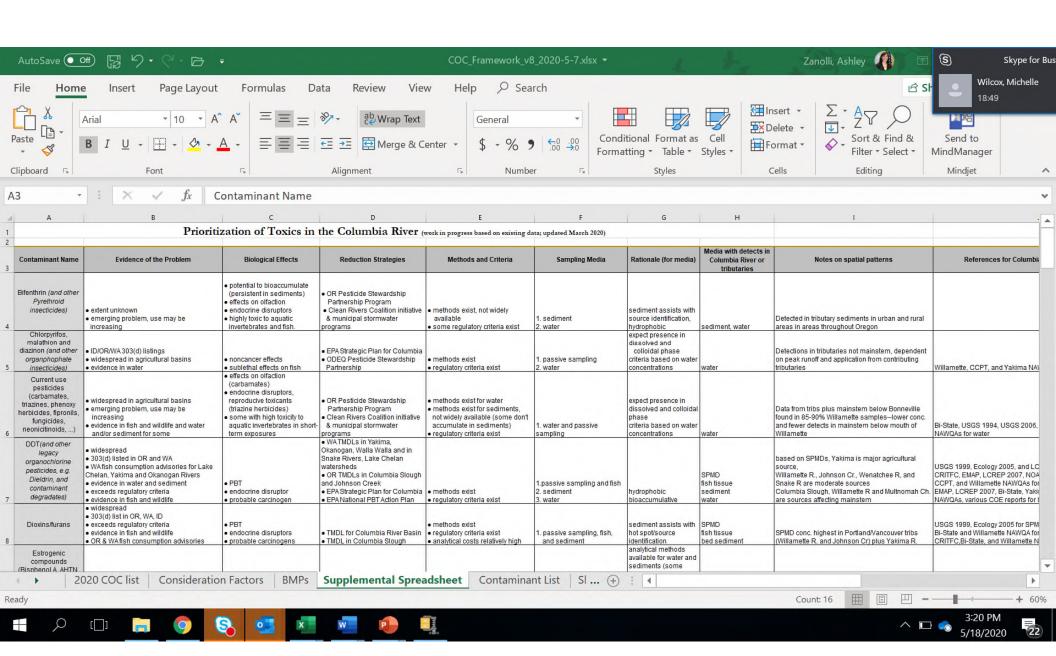
Seasonal considerations

Seasonal recommendation

**Potential sources** 

**Approaches for reduction** 

Data gaps



# TOXICS REDUCTION RESOURCES ON BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) AND SAFER ALTERNATIVES

#### Safer Alternatives Resources

- Washington Dept of Ecology:
  - Quick Chemical Assessment Tool (QCAT)
  - Washington's Alternative Assessment Guide
- EPA Safer Choice
- UMass Lowell <u>Cleaner Solutions</u>
   <u>Database</u> for industrial cleaning
- Chemical Hazards and Alternatives <u>Toolbox</u>

#### **BMP Resources**

- OSU Pesticide Risk Tool
- UMass Lowell
- Toxics Use Reduction Institute
- P2 Options Assessment Tool
- USDA Western IPM Center

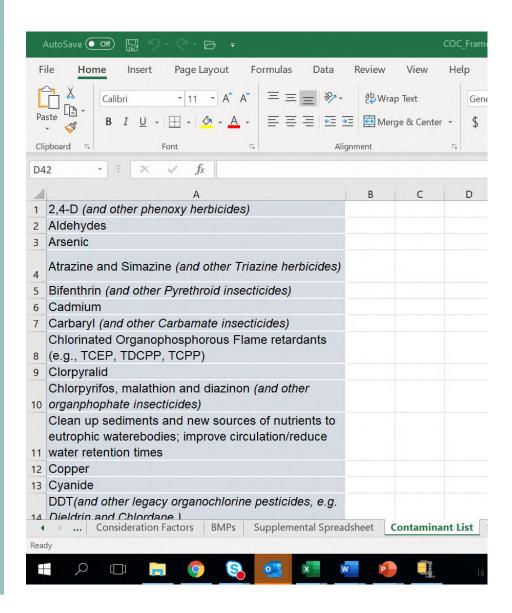
#### Other Resources

- U of Hertfordshire <u>Pesticide</u>
   <u>Properties Database</u>
- OSU Minimum Pesticides List
- Greenscreen List Translator

Resource Location			
Washington Department of Ecology Quick Chemical Assessment Tool (QCAT)	https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical- assistance/Preventing-hazardous-waste-pollution/Safer-alternatives/Quick-tool-for- assessing-chemicals		
Washington's Alternative Assessment Guide	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1504002.html		
EPA Safer Choice	https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice		
Pesticide Risk Tool (OSU)	https://test.pesticiderisk.org/		
Chemical Hazards and Alternatives Toolbox (ChemHat)	http://chemhat.org/en		
JMASS Lowell Toxics Use Reduction Institute	https://www.turi.org/		
Cleaner Solutions Database (alternatives to industrial and janitorial cleaners)	https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Cleaning_Laboratory/Laboratory_Testing/CleanerSol_ utions_Database		
Pollution Prevention Options Assessment System (P2OASys)	https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Research/Alternatives_Assessment/Tools_and_Methods/P2OASys_Tool_to_Compare_Materials		
Pesticide Properties DataBase (University of Hertfordshire)	https://sitem.herts.ac.uk/aeru/ppdb/en/atoz.htm.		
Selection of Pesticides to Reduce Human and Environmental Risks: Global Guidleline and Minimum Pesticides List	https://doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196(19)30266-9	Feb 2020 publication, co authored by two OSU faculty	

## BMP RESOURCE GUIDE

# ALPHABETICAL CONTAMINANT LIST



## FEEDBACK & DISCUSSION



WHAT DO YOU LIKE
ABOUT THE
FRAMEWORK?



WOULD YOU USE THE LIST?
IF SO, HOW?

## THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND ENGAGEMENT!

We want to hear from you:

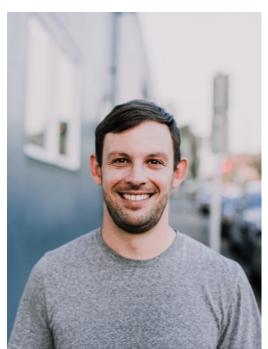
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### **EXTRA SLIDES**

Additional background and screenshots of COC Framework excel file

### 2007 PRIORITIZATION FACTORS

#### 1. Is it recognized as an existing problem?

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#### 3. Is there an implementation plan/reduction strategy in place?

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Does a TMDL exist for this contaminant?

Is a Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic Chemical Action Plan being developed for it? Is there a Pesticide Stewardship Program developed to address it?

Has the contaminant been addressed under EPA's Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)?

Is this contaminant included in EPA's National Strategic Plan for the Columbia River?

Are there other implementation/reduction strategies taking place for this contaminant?

Tier I (highest priority)	Tier II	Tier III
<ul> <li>DDT (and metabolites)</li> <li>PCBs</li> <li>Mercury (including methylmercury)</li> <li>PBDEs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PAHs</li> <li>Arsenic</li> <li>Dioxins/furans</li> <li>Lead</li> <li>Organophospate Insecticides (azinphos methyl, chlorpyrifos, diazinon)</li> <li>Copper</li> <li>Estrogenic compounds (Bisphenol A, AHTN, natural and synthetic estrogens, Nonylphenol)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organochlorines (including alpha BHC, aldrin, dieldrin, chlordane)</li> <li>Trace elements</li> <li>Current use pesticides (including carbamates, triazine herbicides, fipronil)</li> <li>Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products</li> <li>Other wastewater compounds (plasticizers, detergents, surfactants)</li> <li>Hormones</li> <li>Synthetic pyrethroids</li> <li>Phthalates</li> </ul>

#### Goal:

Identify highest priority toxics for the Columbia River Toxics Reduction Working Group.

The 2009 State of the River Report summarized existing information on the Tier I pollutants.

Source: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/columbiariver/prioritization-toxics-columbia-river#documents">https://www.epa.gov/columbiariver/prioritization-toxics-columbia-river#documents</a>

# 2007 PRIORITIZATION OF TOXICS

