Project: Interim Accounting Methodology & Reporting Tools

Description: The purpose of this project was to assist Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) permittees to address a permit requirement to “develop, document, and implement an assessment methodology to quantify in a technically sound manner” PCBs and mercury loads reduced through implementation of all PCBs / mercury control measures / programs during the term of MRP 2.0. The MRP Fact Sheet included default parameters for the interim accounting methodology that could be used to demonstrate progress toward the interim load reduction performance criteria, based on the proposed methodology prepared by BASMAA. The MRP also required that the permittees document the method described in the Fact Sheet, or any alternative methodology, updating and refining the accounting system to account for new information, justifying assumptions, analytical methods, sampling schemes, and parameters used to quantify the load reduction for each type of control measure, and indicating what information will be collected and submitted to confirm the calculated load reduction for each unit of activity. The assessment methodology and data collection program were due in the 2016 Annual Report. The MRP also required permittees to report annually, beginning with the 2017 Annual Report, loads reduced using the approved assessment methodology to demonstrate cumulative PCBs and mercury loads reduced from each control measure implemented since the beginning of the permit term. The Annual Report must include supporting data and information necessary to substantiate the load reduction estimates. Project tasks included refining the goals and objectives of the project given the critical role the deliverable would play in achieving load reductions and permit compliance, developing an interim accounting methodology report, and developing a reporting tool and guidance for TMDL loads reduced.

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Overseer: Monitoring / POCs Committee

Contracting Agency: BASMAA

Contractor: Geosyntec; EOA

Budget: $40,000

Status: Done

Deliverable(s): Interim Accounting Methodology for TMDL Loads Reduced (March 2017)