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Dear Interested Party:

The Regional Sediment Evaluation Team's meeting date has been changed from late September to November 2nd and 3rd at McMenamins' Edgefield Inn, 2126 SW Halsey Street, Troutdale, Oregon.¹ One of the reasons for the change is that the production at the subcommittee level has been prodigious, and it behooves us to take the time to incorporate that work as completely as possible. At the same time, RSET has made enormous progress on the 'infrastructure' for the manual.

Here are some highlights of RSET accomplishments in the last four months, all of which will be reviewed and discussed at the November meeting:

- Preparation of the initial bioaccumulation framework;
- A path forward for the Aroclor vs. Congener analysis of PCBs;
- Evaluation of freshwater screening levels;
- Outreach to tribes;
- Outreach to the general public;
- 'Inreach' within the various agencies, including EPA Superfund;
- Formation of a database subcommittee;
- Establishment of an elevation pathway for RSET at the federal level.

The objective of the November meeting is to review the Sediment Evaluation Framework. If you plan to attend, there will be significant read-ahead materials available on the website² and through the distribution list.³ This is the schedule:

¹ If you are traveling and wish to reserve a room at the Edgefield, call (800) 669-8610 or e-mail edgereserve@mcmenamins.com.

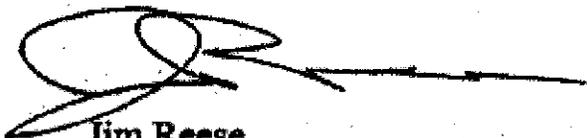
² <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=dmemo&pagename=RSET>

³ If you are not on the distribution list, and would like to be, please contact the Chair of the Policy Committee, Stephanie Stirling, at stephanie.k.stirling@nws02.usace.army.mil.

- A draft will be distributed/posted on October 18th;
- Brief comments for agenda-setting purposes will be accepted through October 27th;
- The meeting is November 2nd and 3rd;
- More detailed comments will be received through November 17th;
- Distribute a final product in January 2005.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in November!

Sincerely,



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