

**King County Comments on
PSP Human Health Topic Forum Draft Discussion Paper
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Here are comments from King County on the Human Health topic forum draft discussion paper. These are organized in three sections, from the general to the particular. The first section provides high level answers to key questions for the county; the second section offers the county's general concerns on the topic as presented in the paper; and the last section provides specific notes on gaps, inaccuracies, or particular points of concern. Wherever possible and appropriate, we have included references to back our comments. Thanks for considering our comments as you revise the paper and move it into the integration phase.

County Questions for Review

Is the paper thorough, accurate and telling the truth? Are the conclusions grounded in fact?

- Generally OK- details may be questionable in some places. There are specific areas where there may be errors, or blanket generalizations that are not accurate – see attached detailed comments. Below are a few examples.
 - On page four, the statement about bottom fish consumption by Pacific Islanders and Tulalip and Suquamish Indian Tribes is not supported by facts. (see reference in attached document)
 - Consumption risk focused on children -- should include pregnant women and immune compromised individuals as well
 - Reference to hydrogen sulfide as a threat is not accurate -- better characterized as a nuisance

Does the paper lay out the major threats as they pertain to Puget Sound and King County Action Areas succinctly?

- There is no context provided for the threats -- they are all treated essentially equally
- How severe are the threats?
- What are the priority threats?
- Should discuss threat in the context of dosage
- The lack of context may lead people to anger about the issues rather than actions
- The first section of the paper does not adequately distinguish between threats that pose a “serious risk” vs those that may be considered as “risk” or “concern for the unknown.” This is important as it will be helpful in establishing priorities, for action and research.
- There are other areas where there are some concerns with how threats are characterized – please see the attached comments.

Does the paper propose solutions and the key factors influencing their implementation feasibility? Are the solutions likely to be effective? If not why?

- Progress indicators should be linked to the specific threats
- Should recognize and make distinctions between short and long term threats (pathogens compared to toxins) that may lead to more apparent and observable actions and results
- Measures should be identified that have meaning to the public
- Measures -- should identify progress measures and outcome measures and be clear which is which
- The paper discusses potential solutions, but does not address implementation feasibility. We understand that implementation is not the intent of the paper, but suggest it is important to consider implementation in considering strategies (not as an afterthought).
- A key element missing from the discussion is a quantification of the various sources of the threats, or at least their relative importance, which is important in order to prioritize action. Are the biggest sources stormwater? Septic? Cruise ships? Most likely, to be effective, solutions need to address biggest sources (or those that can be addressed most cheaply, if the cumulative reduction is big enough). If the knowledge of contribution is an information gap, this needs to be addressed quickly in order to know if actions will be effective.

Are there other existing programs and models that are not covered as possible solutions that we can share? If so, what do we know about their effectiveness?

- Industrial pre-treatment program has resulted in measurable improvement in biosolids quality
- Source control inspections
- Brightwater-advanced waste water treatment and water reuse.
- Pharmaceutical take back program
- Catch basin cleaning program
- Spokane River basin-PCB loadings from stormwater-implications for Puget Sound
- Seattle drainage ordinance
- King County's Combined Sewer Overflow program
- WA Department of Ecology urban waters program
- Product bans
- Should emphasize source reduction and manufacturer responsibility programs. It is often the case that preventive measures are less expensive than cleanups. There may be models under development in solid waste and other fields that may be useful or under development (for example, pharmaceutical take-back programs, computer take-back programs).
- See attached detailed comments

Where criteria for prioritizing actions are proposed, are they appropriate and sufficient? Are there other criteria to consider? Where applied to suggested actions, do the results of their application make sense?

- Criteria are basically OK although specific strategies are rather weak

- Characterize what things are currently being done, but could be done better
- And what else could be done -- new and innovative thinking
- Distinguish between short term and long term problems
- Some prioritization should be given to short-term threats that may be addressed quickly
- Prioritize threats that have both ecological and human health impacts -- look for actions with multiple benefits
- Should recognize that some threats may never be completely eliminated
- It is telling that the prioritized goal is prevention of advisories, and toxics and pathogens are singled out.
- Appreciate and agree with the emphasis on source control (importance of preventive solutions).
- Cost-effectiveness should be emphasized more; it may drive some data gathering efforts as well as actions. What are the sources of toxics and pathogens, and what is the comparative cost to reduce contributions from these sources?
- Is speed important? Should actions be prioritized that can be implemented easily or at little cost?
- Implementation feasibility (particularly if speed is desired) may be important.
- The criterion “the action eliminates the threat” may not be useful. Many actions may reduce or partially eliminate the threat, but cannot do it alone or completely.
- The criterion “the action addresses threats with the highest potential severity of endpoint” is not clear. What if the action does not address it very effectively? How is severity of endpoint defined?
- Sustainability should be considered – do actions make sense from long-term pressures, including project population increases and/or other changes in the ecosystem?
- Consistency with other topic forum criteria (and solutions), the potential to get ancillary benefits such as habitat, water quality may be important. May be need to prioritize actions among these different criteria.
- At the Topic Forum work session, the concept came up of a wider scope of human health issues (e.g., air quality-related respiratory issues) that should be addressed by the Partnership. Such a broadening of the efforts might dilute or render ineffective the efforts to address Puget Sound-specific issues. This would be a concern for the Partnership’s effectiveness and should be avoided.

What are possible implications to county departments and divisions (cost and resource impacts and on lines of business)?

- Need to be aware of the choice of words and the implications -- For instance “not fully addressed” suggests that the problem can be fully addressed, which could have significant impacts to wastewater treatment operations and costs
- Given that much of the shoreline and nearshore development and impacts in King County are under the jurisdiction of other municipal governments, there will be a heightened need for inter-governmental coordination and cooperation

- Stormwater management implications for the rural areas
- Transportation impacts
 - Road and fleet maintenance
 - Need to change transportation habits?
- Increase pressure to monitor at a time when resources are dwindling
- Increased pressure to open more urbanized waters to shellfish harvest
- Increased attention on repairing and replacing old septic systems
- Potential that scarce public resources may be directed to Puget Sound recovery at the expense of other social programs -- how to assure that equity goals are part of the recovery effort
- How does the PSP agenda link to the climate change initiative?
- Potential impacts – emphasis on source control is good
- What about statement: more stringent standards should be applied to wastewater? “all known and reasonable available treatment” AKART?

General Comments

We appreciate that pathogens and biotoxins were recognized in addition to chemical toxicants. We would recommend some general acknowledgement regarding the differences in health effects; i.e., pathogens and biotoxins are more associated with short-term exposures that can then result in health effects (sometimes very severe) as opposed to chemical toxicants that tend to be more associated with long-term exposures that can result in both cancer and non-cancer health effects. Throughout most if not all of Puget Sound it is unlikely chemical toxicant levels are high enough to result in effects from acute exposures whereas pathogens and biotoxins can result in effects from acute exposures. This should be taken into account when prioritizing efforts. More monitoring by location and frequency might be needed for pathogens and biotoxins compared to chemical toxicants in biota, water and sediments.

When discussing health effects or risks, the benchmark that is being used should be discussed. What is the unacceptable excess cancer risk threshold, non-cancer threshold, number of incidences of illness from pathogen exposures, etc. Also, risk is dependant on both exposure and toxicity. Exposures differ for different activities and populations using a resource. A low frequency and duration of exposure might be safe whereas the higher exposure frequency and duration might not be safe. This needs to be made clear. Not all users of Puget Sound resources may be at risk. More discussion of degree of exposure should be added.

More of data quality needs to be made available. How old is the data? Have the data undergone some level of data quality assurance review? Where detection limits adequate for non-detected chemicals (e.g., PAHs in shellfish)?

We agree that exposure to toxic contaminants, pathogens and biotoxins from the consumption of seafood from Puget Sound likely to be more of concern than exposures from direct contact (dermal contact or incidental ingestion) with water (e.g., swimming,

SCUBA diving) or sediments (playing in the mud at the beach). Direct contact with water likely more of concern if nearby combined sewer overflow that has recently been discharging due to storm event. Exposure to pathogens more likely an immediate health concern in these cases.

Recommend data be gathered or generated for seafood and other meats from grocery stores so that we can understand how risks compared to eating seafood from Puget Sound. It may be that for some food types, the risk is similar or greater from grocery store seafood/meats than that from some or most parts of Puget Sound (exceptions maybe urban bays and contaminated sites under investigation/clean-up). It would be inappropriate to tell resource users (tribes, immigrant populations, recreational fishers) to obtain their seafood/meats from grocery stores rather than Puget Sound if the risks are similar or greater from grocery stores. We need to put toxics in Puget Sound seafood in perspective to other foods people consume.

Also need to evaluate atmospheric contribution of chemicals (e.g., PCBs, mercury) from global sources that will be difficult to change. These contributions may result in some level of risk for populations that consume large amounts of seafood (e.g., tribal populations). Higher priority should be given to sources we can affectively reduce.

When statements are made that say, “should not harm humans,” harm should be defined. Also when say fish and shellfish are “safe” to eat, safe should be defined. It may not be possible reduce cancer risk to 1 in 1,000,000 (if this defines “safe”) for populations that consume large amounts of seafood. Typically, these risk levels are found at levels below background, especially urban background levels.

It should be recognized that elimination of all risks is not possible. There are some sources of chemicals out of our control or that will always exists in urban areas because of diffuse sources. The growth management act increases density in urban areas to protect rural areas. One affect of this is more hardscape and less green-space in these areas and that results in more urban runoff.

Specific Comments

Page 3: Sources of threats seem too broad and not well developed. Point and nonpoint source discharges – stormwater, septic, ships, etc. Somewhere the document should lay out what is known about the relative contribution of these to the various threats.

Pg 3, Section A: Another group of chemicals that should be highlighted are dioxin/furans.

Decline in availability of food sources are due to many factors and this implies it is due to toxics but habitat loss, over harvesting, etc. also attributes to decline in food resources. (comment applies to text on pg 7 as well)

Pg 4, Section B: Recommend more than one reference is needed to support the statement that consumption of fish, shellfish, etc represents the most significant human health exposure to toxic contaminants, pathogens and biotoxins. We agree with this statement but more references are needed to support this statement. They could reference findings from other health assessments such as Lower Duwamish Waterway. Mercury and dioxin/furans should be added to the list of highlighted toxic contaminants.

Disagree with statement that tribes and immigrant populations consume a greater dietary proportion of bottomfish. Based on survey of Asian Pacific Islanders (Sechena et al 1999), shellfish followed by finfish (not bottom fish) composed the majority of dietary preferences. This same survey data was evaluated for LDW but adjusted by EPA for self-harvesting from within King County by these populations and shellfish composed the majority of the dietary preferences (Windward 2007). Tribal surveys for the Tulilap and Suquamish tribes show shellfish and anadromous fish compose the majority of dietary preferences (Toy et al 1996; Suquamish Tribe 2000) not bottom fish.

Recommend be more specific than just “Concentrations of contaminants in resident Chinook salmon are also of concern.” Please be specific as to which ones.
Page 4 (pages are document, not PDF pages – first bullet – only mentioned children for special risk, should also include pregnant and imuno-compromised. Also shouldn’t long-lived shellfish be included (geoducks)

Page 5 – additional sources of contamination 1) resuspension or remobilization of chemicals contaminants during dredging or sediment disturbance; 2) Chemical Remobilization from freshwater to saltwater?

Pg 5, Section B: Recommend list out types of seafood largely consumed. What types of data are available? Which species tested, which classes of chemicals, pathogens, and what areas of Puget Sound have been sampled (maybe able to do most in map).

When discussing air deposition as source, please include dioxin/furans in the chemical list.

Pg 6, Section B (Emerging Chemicals):
Sufficient toxicity data needs to be available to adequately evaluate emerging chemicals. Evaluating risks from synthetic hormones, antibiotics, and other pharmaceuticals is very challenging because people use all different kinds of pharmaceuticals (both over the counter and prescription). It is difficult to evaluate risks from these chemicals from Puget Sound seafood because of the additive risk from intended use of these chemicals by various individuals cannot be taken into account accurately. Because of these two concerns (sufficient toxicity data and difficulty in knowing individual use), higher priority should be given to pathogens, biotoxins, and PBT chemicals (e.g., PCBs, mercury).

Pg 6, Section B (Direct Contact with sediment and water):

Please be more specific about what chemicals pose risk from direct contact with water and sediment and supply more references. I suspect these risks (those associated with chemical toxicants) tend to be very low in most areas of Puget Sound. Risks due to pathogens are more likely if located by sources. The frequency and duration of exposure is also important in understanding these risks. More is needed here to understand degree of risk and what exposures relate to these risks. This is important to understand when prioritizing work.

Page 6 – Characterization of Emerging Contaminant as “serious risk” is perhaps exaggerated at this time – “risk or of concern” is more appropriate.

Page 6 - This statement seems too broad and is contradicted on page 12: “Direct contact with sediment, water, or biota contaminated with chemical toxics and pathogens within Puget Sound and on its beaches poses a human health threat, although not as great as that posed by consumption of contaminated fish and shellfish, because the magnitude of exposure is less significant. “

Page 6 – their use of the term “Emerging Toxic Contaminants” defined as “... include a variety of chemicals found in stormwater and wastewater discharges (such as synthetic hormones, antibiotics, and other pharmaceuticals), as well as perfluorinated compounds (PFCs).32,33,34,35,36” first, is over broad and second, not all are know or suspected to be “toxic”. There has been a tendency but some groups to label all EDCs or other emerging issues “toxic” and this is just not accurate, as well as the term “Toxic” to some means Acute or Chronic toxicity, to others many mean others things. This general use is overly broad and alarming without balance or distinction.

The paper over all may benefit from a section discussion the various meaning so ‘toxic’ for clarity.

Page 7 2nd bullet: Hydrogen sulfide, in the quantities produced by decaying seaweed, is not a human health threat. Quite likely a nuisance but, highly unlikely to pose any documented health effects beyond that. Does not belong on this list.

Pg 7, Section B (direct contact): Please clarify what is meant by “freshwater drainages.”

Pg 7, Section C: More supporting information (summary tables and/or figures) are needed to support the statement that there is reasonable certainty in characterizing human health risks from seafood consumption. How many species have data available and from what areas? Are these the species frequently consumed? Were detection limits adequate for non-detected chemicals?

Page 7 – the characterization of danger from - “Beaches or coastal waters as seaweed and other organic material decompose, producing hydrogen sulfide;” seems incorrect. While it may smell, the seaweed breakdown is not creating or unleashing toxicity and the H₂S is not harmful in such quantities.

Page 7/8 – the document’s section on *Certainty of Concern: Health Related Pathogens* does not mention any numbers regarding recreational beach closings. It is suggested that to give a sense of the magnitude of the issue (i.e., certainty that there is a problem), there should be some data on beach time lost or numbers of illnesses reported.

Likewise the *Biotxin* section gives no sense of magnitude so how can any certainly be gained that this is a problem? And these are only discussed in shellfish, not in any other consumable organism.

In the *Metals* section of this certainly sections they should specify is they are making their conclusions based on straight comparison of tissue data to HH standards or other standards. They should also mention some comparison to higher Tribal consumption rates if their analysis takes into account consumption rates.

Pg 7 and 8, Section C (pathogens and biotoxins):

To the extent possible, expand on pathogen and biotoxin discussions. These are important for short-term exposures and health impacts. What percent of areas are monitored? Is it sufficient to inform and protect the public? Should more funding be made available because of insufficient monitoring?

Pg 8, Section C (metals): This section could be improved by focusing the discussion on water, sediment and then biota. A figure/map would help this discussion so that the spatial scale (and temporal scale) of available data could be better understood. Scale is important factor for water and sediment data. Urban bays likely have different levels than, for example, the Central Basin, and therefore exposures and risks will differ in these areas. This is important to understand when prioritizing efforts.

The LDW found risks from consumption of clams from inorganic arsenic and carcinogenic PAHs. More information is needed to understand risks toxicants from consumption of clams from other areas.

Page 8 - Natural pathogens. Here is the first attempt at context, “two or more confirmed VBM illnesses annually w/in the past three years”, but is it two *or more* illnesses? Presumably there’s documentation if we’re citing it as ‘confirmed’, so which is it? Also, it isn’t clear to the non-microbiologist if VPM is a result of human activity/urbanization or if it’s natural, (i.e., from the natural environment).

Pg 9, Section C (PAHs): Agree it is unlikely these chemicals will be of concern in fish because they can metabolize them but shellfish do not. Therefore, the adequacy of detection limits for PAHs should be checked

Pg 9, Section C (Fish Consumption rates): There are data available from a study on Asian Pacific Islanders. And some creel surveys from Puget Sound for recreational fishers.

More data should be gathered on human recreational use of the areas around Puget Sound. This will help understand patterns of use by different populations and regions. An inventory of beaches frequently used, shellfish harvest areas, fishing areas and species harvested would be helpful. This information can be used to help prioritize areas for further study and/or improvement.

Page 9 – mention of concerns from PBDEs is presented but there are no current standards to our knowledge, so they should identify what they are using to determine risk here. It may be related to the fact that PBDEs have a structure and properties very similar to PCBs – if so they should say that is their reasoning – again characterizing the nature of their certainty.

Page 9 – *Sediments* section should note that for tribal fishing or any other human activities where this is a greater likelihood of exposure to sediments carries with it a larger possibility of human health risk. KC WTD Green Duwamish CSO WQA has analysis of this and showed increase human health risk to net fishers.

Page 10 – Data Gaps – section *Biotoxins*, the document discusses one *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, but not the other one mentioned earlier *Vibrio vulnificus*. Also mentioned others ones but does not list them – seem like this sections could benefit from more substance.

Page 10 – these sections refer to *shellfish* but go on to talk about other species separately which are also ‘shellfish’ so it suggests that the ‘shellfish’ section may only be referring to bivalves (clams, oysters, mussels) and perhaps should be clarified

Pg 10, Section C (Toxics in water column): While I agree more information is needed on toxics in water column, it must be recognized this is a large task. Here is where use surveys/information would be important to help prioritize study areas.

Page 10/11 – *Toxics in Water Column* and *Freshwater* - should also mention KC data as available and perhaps should say that while data is limited, the data available has not typically or yet been analyses with HH issues in mind.

Page 11 – the section on *Reference conditions* – is presented without context until you read on to the next sections. It does not appear meaningful part of section.

Page 11 – *Effectiveness Monitoring* – This section should talk about what is meant by effectiveness monitoring before stating that it would be useful. Such a concept may be premature since the question of health risk in most cases, is not settled so knowing if that risk is significantly reduced is perhaps, not possible.

Page 11 Current Status, Part A. Bullet 2: "Should not harm" is very ambiguous and essentially unattainable. There is "risk" involved with every aspect of human use and enjoyment of Puget Sound and its resources. The document should specify (in its management objectives) what the acceptable level of risk is. E.g. 1 in 1,000,000 excess

risk of cancer. The management options listed later should then be connected to these allowable risk levels.

Page 11 – Effectiveness monitoring. Once I read the entire paper I came back to this because it isn't clear how this might be accomplished.

P. 11 top of page – Add new statement – Groundwater toxics entering Puget Sound -- with same statement as made for freshwater toxics.

Page 12 – this statement is misleading: “Other areas, typically urban embayments like Elliott Bay, and those in close proximity to hazardous waste sites or wastewater outfalls, have advisories for no or limited consumption based on toxic contamination levels.” - since hazardous waste sites advisories will be based on toxic hazards where as wastewater outfalls will be based on a broadly applied concern for pathogens. Very different issues effecting different organisms and human uses.

Page 12 – this statement could also use some modification: The best shellfish conditions and classifications are in rural areas, where there are few sewage treatment and stormwater outfalls. There are often other inputs that will affect water quality in rural area (e.g., Hood Canal, septic system contributions, overland stormwater runoff) so that such a blanket statement is not useful.

Page 12 – discussion of beach monitoring should be clarified that it only represents pathogen monitoring. Also the statement: “Some areas have good water quality; other beaches located in proximity to urban areas, marinas, and/or wastewater outfalls often have poor water quality conditions that have potential to pose a threat to human health through direct contact”, again does not seem to be fully substantiated or is generalizing because the beaches in relative proximity to KC outfalls, that KC monitor, are not usually have poor water quality. Therefore the general presumption may not be backed up with fact and should thus be modified.

Page 12 – The *Tribal use* section should also mention that while some areas are restricted other areas that are not are being used and evidence it beginning collected that tribal members, consuming high quantities of shellfish, are showing high body burdens of metals.

Page 13 – Table S2.1 and S2.2- Wastewater system industrial pretreatment – is a Source Reduction as well as management of exposure. Table could also include State Surface Water Quality standards and TMDL regulations as Source Reduction.

Page 13 Table S2-1: The first 2 rows should be labeled as source reduction management approaches and well as threat exposure management.

The Sediment Quality Standards, MTCA cleanup standards, spill response programs, and (not listed) dredged material disposal standards do not fully address bioaccumulation of toxics into biota.

P. 13 Table S2-1 – Add “groundwater protection” to row with stormwater management (six up from bottom of page)

Page 14 Table S2-2: Product bans like that on deca-PBDE should be listed as a source reduction option.

Page 14: Is this how effectiveness is currently measured or can be measured? Are trends in water quality really as relevant here (maybe it is indirect), as point of this paper is human health, others are more clearly human health

Page 14: Cite on #2 on chart S2-2 – what indirect evidence?

Page 16: Table P1-1 – this is examples or a complete list? Is this prioritized as to what is most effective?

Pg 17, Section A (Table P1-1): Are CSO control plans included as part of one these? If not, it should be added.

P. 17 Table P1-1 – Add “groundwater management areas” next to watershed management plans in last row (bottom of page)

Page 18: This table is not useful in terms of prioritizing actions. Many of the actions it implies would be very costly.

Page 18 – Table P1.2 – this statement should have both Biotoxin and pathogen checked - Although all commercial shellfish areas and most major recreational beaches are regularly tested for biotoxins and pathogens, some beaches are not included in existing programs. In addition, monitoring covers only a portion of Puget Sound shoreline areas.

Pg 18, Section B (Table P1-2): Stormwater permits are only now starting to require monitoring in surface waters and in some cases, stormwater discharges

Page 18 – Table P1-2, “Threats Not Fully Addressed”. The wording of this implies that these threats can be fully addressed and aren’t, and it isn’t clear that they can be or should be. For example “Not all chemicals present in wastewater are either monitored or addressed by NPDES permits”, should all of them be monitored, tested for, etc., should all of them be addressed in NPDES permits? Or the next one...”emerging chemicals... are not being addressed by existing programs.” How should they be ‘addressed’, are we talking about acknowledging their presence or something else in the face of limited understanding? This section should be carefully crafted and be clear (i.e., **do** they mean *known toxics* that should be monitored, etc.). Even **with** clarity, it’s mind boggling to consider what this might cost.

Page 19 – Section C. The examples seem weak and their effectiveness has not been documented. Maybe this section should either cite some of the innovative models being

developed in Europe, or the paper should recommend this be further explored as a ‘gap’ in knowledge.

Page 20 – Section A. The examples don’t include enforcement of building codes that limit stormwater runoff. It’s later in the paper, but there is evidence this can address some identified threats (SPU has studied in their system). The paper doesn’t answer why, and states that “it’s unknown if the effectiveness of these programs has been documented.” Again, can we cite examples from here and abroad?

Page 20 – under Source Control the current municipal source control/pretreatment programs continue to show (at least KC does) measurable reduction in metals from the waste stream that the treatment plants must treat.

Pg 21, Section B (gaps):

The quality of existing data needs to be evaluated (see general comments).

Do we understand the cause of biotoxins such that we can reduce the occurrence of them?

Page 21: I agree that closing gaps in existing 'pollution' management programs is where some of the greatest gains may be achieved. However, there seems to be a disconnect between the bullets listed on the bottom of page 21 and the limitations of existing management programs shown on Table P1-2.

Page 21, under cleanup programs: “Ecology’s Toxics Cleanup Program has been effective at moving sites toward cleanup” is not very informative. Is it moving fast enough? Are there too many sites for this program?:

P. 21 Section B Gaps – Add “Groundwater monitoring and evaluation of groundwater quantity and quality and evaluation of discharge to Puget Sound”.

Page 22 – The shellfish in this comment should also include shrimp - Although a study has been completed for Puget Sound on chemical contamination of fish¹¹⁴, a parallel study for shellfish (including crab) has not been completed. Also, I believe earlier the text indicated that there is also a gap in study of some finfish as well.

Page 23 – This section should also mention the gap in knowledge regarding the other Emerging contaminants of concern including pharmaceuticals, personal care products, and soaps and other household products with contain chemicals that may have other non-typical effects still being studied worldwide and that this will be a data gap for a long time and something that will not be able to be filled locally.

Page 23: Reduce pollutant discharges —“more stringent standards should be established for wastewater” – seems too broad and premature, given the lack of knowledge of the relative importance of wastewater.

