Critical Materials
Municipal Code – SMC 17E.010
2016 Proposed Revisions
Critical Materials Definition

- Critical Materials: a compound or substance that could result in the impairment of one or more of the beneficial uses of aquifer water and/or impair aquifer water quality.
Ordinance History

- The original Critical Materials Technical Advisory Committee was created in 1977 to oversee the technical aspects of the development of the Water Quality Management Plan in Spokane.
- The resulting code language was approved in 1986 and last updated in 2009.
The development of the proposed code language was intended to update the requirements based on our specific experiences and to incorporate current best management practices.
New Language

- Less technical and easier to understand.
- Duplicate references and parallel code paths have been removed.
- Definitions have been clarified, and one additional definition added.
New Language

- Approximately 80 changes were made to current Municipal Code sections (17A, 17E, and 17G).
- 6 sections were deleted.
- 12 sections had partial deletions.
- Article IV was revised to mirror Article III.
- 17 sections had revisions or additions.
Key Highlights

- Section 040 – removed 1987 grandfathering provision
- Section 050 – revised to allow Critical Review Officer to waive submittals.
- Section 095 – revised wording to follow current Wastewater Mgmnt. practices.
- 17G.101.150 – language reworded to clarify critical material list submissions.
Questions?