

# **Chesapeake Bay Scenario Builder Workshops— Outline for the Chesapeake Bay Program Water Quality Goal Implementation Team**

**April 11, 2011 WQGIT Conference Call**

## **BACKGROUND**

A number of partners and stakeholders have expressed strong interest in obtaining training on Scenario Builder and its application within development of the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs). This paper outlines the webinar plan and overall schedule for hosting a series of workshops as formally requested by the Chesapeake Bay Commission in December of 2010.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Increase the understanding of Scenario Builder and how it works
- Train colleagues on how they can develop Scenario Builder input decks
- Collect feedback on needed improvements to Scenario Builder into the future
- Collect feedback on how to improve the existing Scenario Builder documentation

## **INTENDED AUDIENCES**

We are recommending attendees be managers and staff from states and D.C. who are developing Phase II WIPs; modelers; stakeholders involved in the Phase II WIP process including local governments, planners, conservation districts, watershed organizations, and utilities; WQGIT workgroup members; and WQGIT members.

## **WEBINAR/WORKSHOP APPROACH**

Each workshop would also be a webinar so that audiences may attend in person or remotely. Each workshop and webinar would include the following modules:

### **What:**

**Module 1: A Scenario Builder overview** describing the system of models and role of Scenario Builder. This portion will cover the purpose and main assumptions of the Scenario Builder. Included in this first module will be the basics of crediting BMPs. Planning for 45 minute target duration plus 15 minutes for questions and answers with Scenario Builder Team.

**Module 2: Source Sector specific modules** will cover the Scenario Builder data sources and assumptions specific to agriculture, stormwater and onsite septic systems. These modules will be 45 minutes each (30 minute presentation + 15 minutes for questions) and serve as good primer/companion to the Scenario Builder documentation. Technical detail on BMP crediting and accounting within the tool will be discussed as relevant to each source sector.

**Module 3: Creating Scenario Builder input decks.** The module will include a one-hour presentation with instructions for how to develop and submit Scenario Builder

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input decks, followed by a 90-minute **breakout session** for attendees to develop input decks with Scenario Builder Team assistance. This is intended for a smaller audience of key personnel identified by the jurisdictions who will be developing input decks for the jurisdictions.

**Where:**

A total of five webinars with all 3 modules will be performed at locations selected to maximize convenience for audiences across the watershed. Participants can choose to attend in person or over the internet. Specific locations with adequate capacity are being sought with the jurisdictions' assistance.

Those participating in person will benefit from continued interactive discussion following the formal webinar.

**When:**

Summer dates timed to come after release of revised state-basin allocations and before the draft Phase II WIPs are due. Specific dates starting at the end of July to be determined—suggestions welcome.

Based on feedback from partners and stakeholders, additional modules may be scheduled into the future.

**How:**

The webinars will be designed, built and performed by a Scenario Builder team with support from a Tetra Tech team. Webinars and audio will be recorded and posted on the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership's and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL's websites for future use and reference.

**WQGIT FEEDBACK REQUESTED**

- 1) Recommendations for specific locations for the live audience webinars?
  - a. NY:
  - b. PA:
  - c. WV:
  - d. VA:
  - e. DC/MD/DE:
  
- 2) Recommendations for specific weeks to target this coming summer?