

**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM**  
**WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Conference Call**

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS, ACTIONS, AND ISSUES**

**DECISION:** WQGIT approval of the use of 1993-1995 for the critical period for SAV/clarity.

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**MINUTES**

- Rich Eskin raised concerns about validation and compliance being a part of the WIP from Kelly Shenk's presentation last week and urged the team to think more about that in terms of milestones rather than the WIP itself.

Updates on Adoption Progress for Water Quality Standards – State Representatives

*Maryland*

- Adding three new uses: Deep water (DW) to Magothy, Severn, South
- Site specific standards for DO in the Pocomoke
- Restoration variances for Chester
- Secretary has signed off
- Two further approvals are required, taking about a month
- Anticipate publishing in MD Register in August
- 30-day public comment period
- Hope to be done by October

*District of Columbia*

- Adopting 2010 addendum
- Approved by Director, now going through City Administrator then Attorney General's Office
- 2-3 weeks to go, and then 30-day public comment period in the end of August
- Hope to wrap up in 2 ½ months

*Delaware*

- Our standards automatically adopt addendum, so no further action is required

Assessment of Clarity/SAV Water Quality Standards: Part I – Lewis Linker

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- The confusion that arises is that looking at recent SAV data is more of another line of evidence. Actually looking at flows and loads associated with individual year and using observed SAV from each year. There isn't a connection between the flows in different time periods.
- This is a conservative approach for all basins, but it could be done and we will be doing that analysis. I believe this is consistent with MD and VA WQ assessment approach.
- With the exception of the 10 segments shown, will get attainment for SAV/clarity. All states will be assigned sediment allocations by August 15th. It is our expectation that if the

analysis shows that controls to meet nutrient allocations should get you the sediment allocations.

- We are trying to pursue a policy decision on shifting loads between tributary basins; further exploring the technical aspects. We have that issue in front of us with Virginia; the allocation to the James is more stringent than allocation methodology so they can reassign loading to other basins.

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