

## ATTACHMENT C

### Key Issues Requiring the Panel's Perspective in the Coming Months

The following are specific issues the Panel members are asked to put particular focus on in their preparation for the August Panel meeting and where members can find the supporting documentation.

- Transparency—review of the working definition of what the Partnership means by its commitment to transparency, how it gets incorporated into the protocols, and how the Partnership ensures there is sufficient transparency to ensure public confidence in the reported practices well into the future
  - Currently embodied within a working paper drafted by a subgroup of the Partnership's BMP Verification Committee
  - Specific recommendations will be provided as an amendment to the existing of set BMP verification principles as well as text within 'BMP Verification Principles' section of the July 15 draft BMP verification framework document
- How the 80 percent threshold embodied within the Agricultural Workgroup's recommended BMP verification protocols is calculated, by whom, who approves the resultant verification procedure, and how does this process get institutionalized
  - Currently documented within the Agricultural Workgroup's draft BMP verification protocols
  - More detailed documentation will be provided in the July 15 draft BMP verification framework document
- Verification of the implementation of practices which take the form of management plans
  - Currently documented within the Agricultural Workgroup's draft BMP verification protocols
  - April 24, 2013 letter from Rich Batiuk, CBP BMP Verification Committee Chair, to Frank Coale, CBP Agricultural Workgroup Chair, requesting formation of a group of recognized experts to develop more specific protocols for verification of management plan implementation
  - More detailed documentation, not contained in the July 15 draft BMP verification framework document, will be provided to the Panel members in advance of the August 28-29 meeting
- How successful has the Partnership been to date in striving towards achieving equity in the measurement of functionality and effectiveness of the implemented BMPs among and across the source sectors
- How the CBP Partnership goes about actually implementing and institutionalizing the basinwide BMP verification framework
  - Currently embodied within a 3 page paper shared with the Partnership's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee for review
  - Specific recommendations will be contained within 'Implementation of BMP Verification' section of the July 15 draft BMP verification framework document
- Taken as a whole, do the ten elements of the basinwide BMP verification framework describe a multi-jurisdictional verification effort which should be successful in achieving the five state BMP verification principles across the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed and the multitude of pollutant source sectors