

Sent on behalf of James Davis-Martin, WQGIT Chair, and Lucinda Power, WQGIT Coordinator

To: Members of the Watershed Technical Workgroup
cc: Members of the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT)
NEIEN Reporting Leads

From: James Davis-Martin, WQGIT Chair, and Lucinda Power, WQGIT Coordinator

Re: Submission of 2014, 2015 and 2016 Implementation Data

Date: April 3, 2017

The WQGIT Leadership Team would like to thank each jurisdiction for the hard work that has gone into providing a historical record of best management practice (BMP) implementation for purposes of calibrating the Chesapeake Bay Program's Phase 6 Watershed Model. This task included collecting and reporting implementation data from 1985 through 2013. Now, as this work is complete and the Phase 6 calibration is beginning, **the WQGIT Leadership Team requests that jurisdictions work between now and September 1, 2017 to submit 2014, 2015 and 2016 implementation data for use in the Phase 6 models.** These additional years of implementation data are needed to complete the historical record of implementation in our Phase 6 models.

This data was requested on page 12 of *Attachment 6: Chesapeake Bay Program Wastewater Facility and BMP Implementation Data Submission Specifications and Requirements* of the 2016 Grant Guidance which was published in November, 2016. The document can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-01/documents/attachment6pointnonpointsourcedata.pdf>. The guidance included a deadline of April 1, 2017 for providing this data. The relevant excerpt from the Grant Guidance follows:

“Grant recipients are expected to provide CBPO with complete, quality-assured data in the proper formats through NEIEN for non-wastewater BMPs and through CBP Wastewater Treatment Workgroup direction for bio-solids and spray irrigation data – to enable model assessment of progress for model years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. For each of these model years, BMPs cover the period July 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the model scenario year. The historic BMP and wastewater data for calibration of Phase 6 covered the period through model year 2013.”

Given the current schedule for the development of the Phase 6 model, this extension to provide the data by **September 1, 2017** will satisfy the needs of the partnership. Meeting the **September 1, 2017** deadline will also help prepare all jurisdictions for the timely submission of 2017 Progress, which must be provided in both Phase 5.3.2 and Phase 6 model terms by December 1, 2017.

Please work directly with Chesapeake Bay Program Office Staff, including Matt Johnston (mjohnston@chesapeakebay.net), to submit the 2014, 2015, and 2016 progress data using the Phase 6 Appendix A by September 1, 2017.

Sincerely,
James Davis-Martin and Lucinda Power