**Management Board Conference Call**

**February 9, 2012**

**Meeting Summary; Actions and Decisions**

**Evaluating Final Outcomes of 2009-2011 Milestones**

Nick DiPasquale, Management Board Chair, advised MB members that the Milestones issue was removed from today’s agenda to allow additional time to discuss all possible options for evaluating final outcomes of the 2009-2011 milestones.

**Proposed BMP Verification Process**

Rich Batiuk, EPA, briefed the Management Board (MB) on a proposal for developing a comprehensive BMP tracking, verification and reporting system. The system would be used by all CB partners. MB members agreed that the process of developing a verification system should be inclusive from the beginning to avoid any conflicts with other groups working on similar or related efforts or dual proposals. CBC offered the expertise of the CBC work group currently working on a report on economics and trading. Pennsylvania raised concerns that this system could conflict with state verification principals and initiatives.

* Agreed: The MB agreed to move forward with the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team’s proposal for developing a comprehensive BMP tracking, verification and reporting system, recognizing the aggressive timeline and the possible need to revise the timeline later.
* Agreed: The MB agreed to add BMP verification system development process as a standing issue on MB meeting agendas for the next six months. The MB will be consulted on key decision points as the proposal moves forward.
* Action: A “BMP verification panel” will be convened to help guide the verification program development process all the way up to the presentation at the Principals’ Staff Committee for final decisions on behalf of the Partnership; the MB will discuss issues as needed and approve through consensus for elevation to the PSC if necessary.
* Action: Send out to MB members a white paper developed by USDA on various verification processes and environmental credits. We will also add a “BMP verification process” link to the CBP website which will include a link to the white paper and to other efforts.
* Action: Rich Batiuk agreed that Pennsylvania has a unique problems with abandoned mines and will raise their issue with the PSC.

**Maryland Proposal on Supplemental Indicator for Wastewater Treatment**

Rich Eskin, Maryland Department of the Environment, briefed the MB on a proposal to develop a supplemental indicator for wastewater treatment—in addition to retaining the existing Bay Barometer wastewater indicator—to better explain and reflect progress on nutrient reduction efforts. MB members and others agreed that we have difficulty trying to justify or explain graphics to the public and elected officials to reflect what is actually happening in the watershed. Some concern was expressed that states would not be able to provide additional information or resources toward this effort. EPA believes existing reported data is available to support a supplemental indicator without further burdening the jurisdictions.

* Agreed: The MB agreed that there is value in pursuing a supplemental indicator and would like to continue a dialogue about it. EPA agreed to put together materials to support additional discussions.

**Issues and Agenda for February 16, 2012 Principals’ Staff Meeting**

MB members reviewed the draft PSC agenda and had no comments or edits.