

Chesapeake Bay Program
Water Quality Goal Implementation Team

Updates for May 21st, 2012 Conference Call

- Updates from 5/9 Management Board and 5/14 PSC meetings:
 - Executive Council will most likely be meeting in first half of July.
 - Coming out of the Decision Framework discussion, Management Board asked that the GITs present their goals and what they are working on to the Management Board, likely in July. Opportunity for both the GITs and the Management Board to identify recommended areas for cross-GIT collaboration
 - Management Board: Katherine Antos presented 2 options recommended by the WQGIT for a supplemental wastewater indicator.
 - Management Board selected Option “1.5” – show both the number and the percent (combined in one chart) of significant wastewater facilities that meet TMDL allocations
 - Management Board approved the use of this supplemental indicator, in combination with the existing reducing pollution indicators, for 2011
 - Decided to revisit this indicator for 2012: Is it valuable to the public, should it be modified, etc. So we will revisit this likely in the fall of 2012, based on the response to the indicator after it’s released at the time of the Executive Council meeting this summer
 - Management Board and the PSC: Carin Bisland and Scott Phillips presented the proposed package for the Executive Council on Reducing Pollution.
 - Included: backgrounder, templates of 2009-2011 and 2012-2013 2-pagers on the milestones (states and EPA have been sharing these actual 2-pagers. Thanks to the states for all their work on these documents), information on monitored pollution reduction.
 - PSC approved this package moving forward
- Chesapeake Community Modeling Program Symposium, occurring May 21-22, focused on the interface between modelers and managers and how managers are utilizing models.
 - No pressing modeling updates for this call, as current work is on long term usability improvements.
 - Work on the BMP panels continues to move forward (see WG updates).
- Recent WQGIT Workgroup meetings:
 - Urban Stormwater WG met on 4/30 and approved 2 expert panel reports, the Stormwater Retrofits report and the State Stormwater Performance Standards report.
 - Panel recommendations will now be sent to the Watershed Technical Workgroup for approval, then to the WQGIT (likely in July).
 - Agriculture WG meeting on 5/10 focused on BMP verification methods
 - States working on first drafts of verification approaches and reviewing draft of CBP Verification Principals.
 - Trading and Offsets WG meeting on 5/16 focused on a review of CBC’s “Nutrient Credit Trading for the Chesapeake Bay: An Economic Study” which was released this month.
 - Workgroup members continue to revise the TOWG draft workplan.

- A review panel consisting of TOWG members and EPA staff is being formed and will meet in the next couple of weeks to review and discuss the EPA's Trading and Offsets draft workplan.
 - At a WQGIT in the near future, Evan Branosky will be discussing the TOWG's activities with the WQGIT.
 - Wastewater Workgroup and Chesapeake Bay Program Science and Technical Advisory Committee hosted a workshop in Richmond on "Real World Wastewater Technologies", looking specifically at the 3rd generation of nitrogen removal technologies.
 - Decision Framework. Workgroups and GITs continue to work on Decision Frameworks for our goals and activities. When these Decision Framework papers are complete, working to get these frameworks and supporting visualizations of geospatial information on ChesapeakeStat.
 - Ag and Wastewater Workgroups have done the most; Urban Stormwater Workgroup just getting started
 - Scott Phillips and Greg Allen have been working to develop a Decision Framework paper for the WQGIT, which we will discuss in June
 - As part of this, working to identify areas to coordinate across GITs
 - We hope the discussion in June on the Framework could help frame what the WQGIT presents to the Management Board in July.
- Upcoming WQGIT Workgroup Meeting:
 - Watershed Technical Workgroup will be meeting on 5/29 to review the Urban Stormwater WG's BMP recommendation.
 - Will also be selecting a new Chair since Chris Brosch left. Nominations close today (5/21).
 - CBPO is backfilling Chris's position, and the new hire will be the next coordinator.
 - In the interim, Katherine Antos is temporarily coordinating the Watershed Technical Workgroup
 - Wastewater Treatment Workgroup meeting: 6/5