

Chesapeake Bay Boat Pump-Out BMPs Expert Panel List and Bios

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Panelists	
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Anne Schlegel	Virginia DEQ
Amanda May	Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD)
Liz McKercher	Virginia DEQ
Donna Morrow	Maryland DNR
Heather Merritt	Maryland Department of Environment
Jeff Myers	New York State DEC
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Liz Ottinger	EPA, Stormwater NPDES permitting
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Biosketch (one paragraph): Michael is currently the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 No Discharge Zone Program Coordinator, EPA Regional Coordinator for the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays National Estuary Program, and EPA Project Officer for the PA Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water Act (CWA) 319 grant. Michael has been employed by Cornell University, The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, and the EPA. Michael has been with EPA for over 10 years in Headquarters as well as Region 3, performing ecological risk assessments and managing grants and/or responsibilities under the CWA 106, 319, 320, 604(b), Chesapeake Bay, and No Discharge Zone Programs. Michael has a B.S. degree in Environmental Science from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, and an M.S. degree in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): Amanda May manages the Boater Education and Pump-Out Internship Program at the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Old Dominion University. Amanda's new focus for the program is to build lasting relationships in and around the Hampton Roads community as well as expanding the program to its full potential while providing this essential service to the public. She oversees up to 10 interns for the year round program who interact with the boating community to encourage them to always use a pump out facility. She also has experience with Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) and is an HRSD representative for FOG related matters in the Hampton Roads Service area.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): Liz McKercher is the Watershed Programs Manager at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. In this capacity, Liz directs development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), TMDL Implementation and Virginia's Nonpoint Source Management Program. Liz has been with DEQ since December of 2007. Liz is originally from Fairfax County, Virginia. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and Wildlife from Virginia Tech and Master of Science degree from the University of Florida in Systems Ecology. Liz currently resides in Hanover County.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): Ms. Morrow is a program manager with the MD Dept. of Natural Resources, Boating Services unit. She started with DNR in 1998 as a boater education specialist to the Clean Marina Program and in 2002 assumed responsibility for administration of the Clean Marina Program. She now also has responsibility for the MD Marine Sewage Grant Program and other duties. Ms. Morrow has assisted in development of best management practices for marinas and boaters for Maryland, the EPA, and other states. She was also actively involved in the most recent iterations of Maryland's NPDES Permit for discharges from marinas. Ms. Morrow holds a B.A. in Sociology (concentration in Environmental Studies) from Rollins College as well as 50 ton Master's License from the U.S. Guard.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): I work at EPA Region III as a member of the NPDES Permits Branch. My main focus is stormwater permitting and includes the municipal, industrial and construction arenas. In addition to stormwater permitting duties, I serve as the urban sector technical lead for the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort and have contributed to TMDL development and implementation. I also assist with conducting stormwater inspections and the development of NPDES enforcement cases.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): Anne Schlegel is a Total Maximum Daily Load Coordinator in the Watersheds Program at VA DEQ and works out of the central office in Richmond, VA. She also works with Virginia's No Discharge Zone program by assisting localities who wish to pursue NDZs. She has been with DEQ for about four years. Anne received her M.S. degree in Biology at VCU.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): Preston Smith is an Environmental Health Coordinator – Marina Programs Manager in the Office of Environmental Health Services at the Commonwealth of Virginia State Health Department (VDH). He holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Warren Wilson College, a Master's degree in Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia, Master's degree in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Fellow of the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute. In 1994 he began his career in public service as a Shellfish Specialist in the Division

of Shellfish Sanitation. In 1999, Mr. Smith became the VDH Marina Technical Consultant and the Clean Vessel Act grant coordinator in the Division of Wastewater Engineering. In 2002, Mr. Smith became the Boating Infrastructure Grant coordinator for the Office of Environmental Health Services. Mr. Smith is credentialed as a Class II Wastewater Works Operator through the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, has been a member of the Virginia Environmental Health Association since 1994 and served as President 2010 - 2012. Among his other duties as an Environmental Health Coordinator, he is responsible for managing the statewide marina sanitation regulatory and boating facility inspection program.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): Victor D'Amato is a registered professional engineer with over 22 years of water quality engineering, wastewater process design, and applied environmental research experience. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering from Penn State and an MS in Water Resources Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. With Tetra Tech for the past eight years, his focus is on helping governments, communities, builders, and utilities plan and implement sustainable water management strategies that decrease capital and recurring costs, increase energy efficiency, and effectively address emerging challenges. Vic has supported several Chesapeake Bay watershed TMDL implementation projects, including coordinating two expert panels looking at nitrogen-reducing BMPs for the onsite wastewater treatment sectors and another studying soil and aquifer attenuation of nutrients derived from onsite wastewater systems.

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Biosketch (one paragraph): Ning Zhou is the coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Program Wastewater Workgroup and manages the CBPO wastewater data. He has been employed with Virginia Tech and worked at the CBPO since 1998. He has been involved with the development of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and the jurisdiction watershed implementation plans as related to wastewater, combined sewer overflow and onsite treatment system. He develops the wastewater input decks to feed the Bay models for the watershed implementation progress tracking and various management scenarios.