

WQGIT Phase 6 Extension Request: Agricultural BMPs and Model Data Input

CBP Agriculture Workgroup

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The Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) formally requests of the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) an extension of time to provide specific BMP Panel recommendations and model data input for inclusion in the final Phase 6 CBWM modeling tools prior to December 31, 2016. The inclusion of these BMP recommendations and model data inputs are considered critical by the AgWG for representation in the partnership's modeling tools.

Phase 6 BMP Panel Recommendations

- **Nutrient Management (NM) BMP Expert Panel Report**
 - Status: Panel's Final Report has been reviewed and approved with modifications by the AgWG as of October 20, 2016. The WTWG has reviewed the Final Report, and its members participated in the AgWG October 20th meeting by invitation.
 - WQGIT: The AgWG requests that the WQGIT consider approval of the Panel's Final Report on October 25, 2016.

- **Conservation Tillage (CT) BMP Expert Panel Report**
 - Status: Panel is currently reviewing draft report for release to the partnership by October 31, 2016. Following the 30-day partnership review and comment period, the Panel and the AgWG/WTWG are prepared to review and act on the Final Report by December 15, 2016.
 - WQGIT: The AgWG requests that the WQGIT consider meeting for review and approval of the Panel Final Report on December 19, 2016.

- **Cover Crops (CC) BMP Expert Panel Report**
 - Status: Panel is currently reviewing draft report for release to the partnership by October 31, 2016. Following the 30-day partnership review and comment period, the Panel and the AgWG/WTWG are prepared to review and act on the Final Report by December 15, 2016.
 - WQGIT: The AgWG requests that the WQGIT consider meeting for review and approval of the Panel Final Report on December 19, 2016.

- **Manure Incorporation and Injection (MII) BMP Expert Panel Report**
 - Status: Panel is currently reviewing draft report for release to the partnership by October 31, 2016. Following the 30-day partnership review and comment period, the Panel and the AgWG/WTWG are prepared to review and act on the Final Report by December 15, 2016.

- WQGIT: The AgWG requests that the WQGIT consider meeting for review and approval of the Panel Final Report on December 19, 2016.
- Animal Waste Management Systems (AWMS) BMP Expert Panel Report
 - Status: Panel is currently reviewing draft report for release to the partnership in November of 2016. Following a partnership review and comment period, the Panel and the AgWG/WTWG are prepared to review and act on the Final Report by December 15, 2016.
 - WQGIT: The AgWG requests that the WQGIT consider meeting for review and approval of the Panel Final Report on December 19, 2016.
- Cropland Irrigation BMP Expert Panel Report
 - Status: Panel recently formed and will not be providing a Final Report prior to December 31, 2016 for partnership review and approval.
 - WQGIT: No request is being requested at this time for WQGIT review and approval.
- Agricultural Ditch Management BMP Expert Panel Report
 - Status: Panel recently formed and will not be providing a Final Report prior to December 31, 2016 for partnership review and approval.
 - WQGIT: No request is being requested at this time for WQGIT review and approval.

Phase 6 Livestock and Poultry Model Data Inputs

- Commercial Turkey Production Characterization Project Report
 - Status: The Virginia Tech (VT) project draft report is under development for release to the partnership in early November of 2016. Following a partnership review and comment period, the VT Project Team and the AgWG are prepared to review and act on the Final Report by December 15, 2016.
 - WQGIT: Sector specific model data input decisions are made at the appropriate sector workgroup and no specific action is required of the WQGIT for approval.
- Commercial Swine Production Characterization Project Report
 - Status: The joint Penn State University and Virginia Tech (VT) project draft report is under development for release to the partnership in early November of 2016. Following a partnership review and comment period, the PSU/VT Project Team and the AgWG are prepared to review and act on the Final Report by December 15, 2016.
 - WQGIT: Sector specific model data input decisions are made at the appropriate sector workgroup and no specific action is required of the WQGIT for approval.
- Commercial Layer Production Characterization Project Report
 - Status: The Penn State University (PSU) project draft report is under development for release to the partnership in November of 2016. Following a partnership review and comment period, the VT Project Team and the AgWG are prepared to review and act on the Final Report by December 15, 2016.

- WQGIT: Sector specific model data input decisions are made at the appropriate sector workgroup and no specific action is required of the WQGIT for approval.

Phase 6 Historic BMP Implementation Model Data Inputs

- Penn State University Chesapeake Bay Watershed Self-Assessment Project Report
 - Status: The Penn State University (PSU) project report is under development for release to the partnership in early November of 2016. The AgWG has requested an independent statistical analysis be completed prior to full approval for use in the final Phase 6 modeling tools. Tetra Tech is currently developing a statistical report on the project for consideration by the AgWG on November 21, 2016.
 - WQGIT: Sector specific historic BMP model data input decisions are made at the appropriate sector workgroup and WTWG, and no specific action is required of the WQGIT for approval.
- Pennsylvania Potomac River Basin USDA-NRCS Remote Sensing Project Report
 - Status: USDA-NRCS released a Final Report for the project to Pennsylvania and the partnership on July 20, 2016, and the AgWG has requested an independent statistical analysis be completed prior to approval for the final Phase 6 modeling tools. Tetra Tech is currently developing a statistical report on the project for consideration by the AgWG on November 21, 2016.
 - WQGIT: Sector specific historic BMP model data input decisions are made at the appropriate sector workgroup and WTWG, and no specific action is required of the WQGIT for approval.