



**Principals' Staff Committee Conference Call
October 30, 2017
Actions/Decisions**

Letters Concerning Recent Congressional Actions

- Action: Ann Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission, will make the changes discussed during the October 30 conference call to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) letter. The updated letter will be shared with PSC members for signature by the jurisdiction governors and mayor. **Completed. Final, signed version shared with PSC on 11/13.**
- Action: Secretary Ben Grumbles, MDE, will draft language for a letter from Governor Hogan on behalf of the non-federal members of the Executive Council CBP jurisdictions opposing Rep. Goodlatte's appropriations rider prohibiting backstop actions related to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Jurisdiction PSC representatives are encouraged to share concerns or suggested language during the draft process. The letter will be sent out for review. **In progress.**

Letter to Exelon

- Action: Jim Edwards, EPA, will work with James Davis-Martin and Teresa Koon, Water Quality GIT Chair and Vice Chair, to draft language for a letter addressed to Exelon that emphasizes Exelon's environmental responsibility and does not discuss 401 certification negotiations. **In progress.**

Letter Regarding State 401 Authority

- Decision: Due to the time sensitivity of other letters discussed during the call, a letter regarding state CWA 401 authority will be postponed to a later date.

Environmental Literacy Directive

- Action: Governor and mayor signatures supporting the updated version of the Executive Council's Education Directive 98-1 are needed before the December PSC retreat. Sean Corson (NOAA) and Greg Barranco (EPA) will ensure the appropriate process is followed for this action. **In progress. There is no longer the same urgency for having the letter signed by jurisdictions by December 2017. In addition, by waiting until the 2018 Executive Council meeting for EC signatures, the governance conflict of having the directive signed in between EC meetings is also eliminated. So, the directive will be taken up by the 2018 Executive Council planning team.**

December PSC Retreat

- Decision: The PSC retreat will remain as scheduled for December 19-20.