

Conowingo WIP Milestones Update

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Agenda

- ▶ Background on Accountability Framework
- ▶ CWIP Milestones Approach and Themes
- ▶ Milestone Opportunities
- ▶ Milestones Timeline
- ▶ PSC Discussion/Feedback

Accountability Framework Background

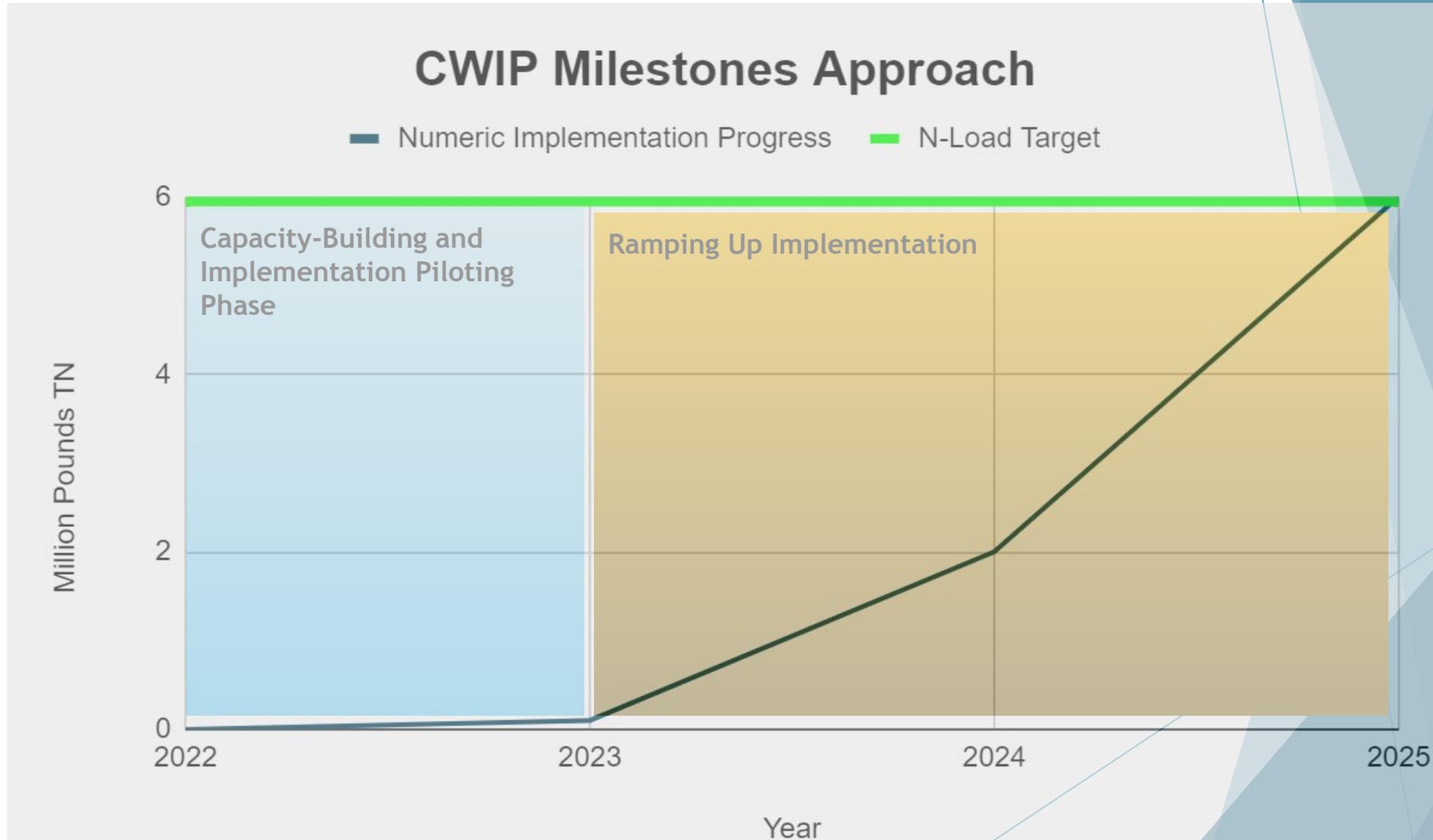
- ✓ EPA conducts annual progress and verification based on a jurisdiction's submission of BMP implementation and wastewater data.
- ✓ EPA conducts biennial evaluations of each jurisdiction's 2-year programmatic and numeric implementation milestones.
- ✓ Jurisdictions and Federal Agencies are held accountable to related 2-year numeric load reductions and the trajectory towards 2025 targets.
- ✓ The CWIP is akin to a separate jurisdiction subject to the same accountability framework as for jurisdictional WIPs.

Milestones Approach

Steering Committee agreed:

- ✓ CWIP Implementation is in a capacity-building and pilot implementation phase;
- ✓ On the importance of dedicated funding;
- ✓ 2022/2023 milestones should focus on programmatic milestones that will facilitate future numeric milestones;
- ✓ To make the programmatic milestones as quantifiable and specific as possible and include interim goals;
- ✓ To integrate Activity 1-3 deliverables; and,
- ✓ To develop a milestones preamble on this approach.

Milestones Approach Graphically



Draft Milestone Themes

- ▶ Capacity-Building (financial and technical)
- ▶ Fostering Innovation (new financing and BMPs)
- ▶ Identifying and Building Partnerships
- ▶ Pilot Project Development and Implementation
- ▶ Securing CWIP Funding
- ▶ Outreach and Engagement

Milestone Opportunities

- ▶ To identify dedicated funding sources and specific grant opportunities that will be pursued (Bay Program funding, NFWF, current CBRAP funding)
- ▶ To continue advancing financing and BMP innovations (P3s, pay-for-performance, mussels, dredging, manure transport, nature-based solutions, etc.)

Timeline

- ▶ Dec. 7 - Next Steering Committee meeting to discuss/finalize draft milestones
- ▶ By Dec. 14 - Email milestones to PSC for comment/approval
- ▶ Jan. 7 - Receive PSC comment/approval
- ▶ Jan. 7 - 13 - Incorporate PSC feedback into milestones
- ▶ Jan. 14 - Submit draft milestones to EPA

PSC Discussion

- Discuss Milestones Approach
- Discuss Milestones Themes/Categories
- Other points of discussion (funding opportunities, innovations, EJ/climate lens, etc.)