EPA's Approval of the District of Columbia's
Revised Draft BMP Verification Program Plan
January 26, 2016

EPA has approved the District's November 14, 2015 revised draft BMP verification program plan. Approval means the program plan addressed all the Panel's feedback as well as workgroup coordinators and initial EPA feedback; provided plans and schedules for development of additional BMP verification protocols and procedures in those cases where protocols and procedures are not proposed; and was written and presented in a public friendly, easy to understand format/text.

Approval also means that the District can apply for 2016 WIP assistance funds and is approved to work with EPA on the award of District's 2016 Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant and Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Grant.

The District's revised draft program plan provided the right balance of detailed documentation along with numerous links to other even more detailed documentation. Beyond addressing some minor comments and needs for clarification, this plan provides a great foundation for the next two years of implementation of the District's enhanced verification program.

EPA has no remaining major comments to share with the District. Please email Rich Batiuk, at batiuk.richard@epa.gov, a quality assurance project plan approval page with the appropriate District signatures so that EPA can formally sign off on your excellent program plan.

For your reference and consideration as the District works to further enhance its BMP verification program over the coming two years, attached please find a compilation of EPA's reviews of the District's November 14, 2015 Revised Draft BMP Verification Program Plan in the form of a series of evaluation forms.