

## WQGIT/WQGIT Workgroup Phase 7 Decisional Items Through February 2026

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**Disclaimer:** The following topics and timeline reflect the workgroup leadership's best guess at when items will appear before a given workgroup. Dates, topics, and workgroups involved in the topic are subject to change.

Topic	October	November	December	January	February	Recent Materials	Notes
Broiler Population, Litter Generation, and Litter Concentrations					*AMT (2/13), <b>AMT (2/27)</b>		The AMT will consider adopting data from a broiler data collection project headed by the Delaware Department of Agriculture.
Inorganic Fertilizer	*AMT (10/10)	*AMT (11/14)	<b>AMT(12/12)</b>	*AMT (1/9)	<b>AMT (2/13)</b>	<a href="#">December AMT Presentation</a>	In December, the group decided on the fertilizer smoothing process and a single method for interpolating sales data for nonreporting states. The application algorithm for how nutrients will work in Phase 7 will be decided in February.
Supplemental Nutrient Management on Pasture and Hay					*AMT (2/13), <b>AMT (2/27)</b>		During the creation of Hay High and Pasture High Land Uses, nutrient management multipliers associated with Core Nutrient Management were decided. The AMT did not address the efficiencies of Supplemental Nutrient Management, Rate, Placement, and Timing. The AMT will review potential efficiency values for Phase 7.

CSS Data Layer				Additional data due 1/23		<a href="#">Sept WWTWG Presentation</a>	Updated data can be included for a final layer before model calibration by Jan 23rd, 2026.
MS4 Area Data Layer				Additional data due 1/23		<a href="#">Sept USWG Presentation</a>	Updated data can be included for a final layer before model calibration by Jan 23rd, 2026.
Mapping P7 Load Sources to BMPs and Load Source Groups		*WTWG 11/6	*USWG (12/16), *AgWG (12/18)	*WTWG (1/8), <b>AgWG (1/29), USWG (via email 1/20)</b>	<b>WTWG (2/5)</b>	<a href="#">January AgWG Slides and Matrix</a>	The WTWG will approve the mapping of load sources to BMPs for Phase 7. Prior to this, the USWG and AgWG will be asked to review the mapping for their respective sectors, and the AgWG will provide a recommendation to the WTWG on the mapping of agricultural BMPs on solar land uses. Once the mapping of BMPs to load sources has been approved, the WTWG will discuss the mapping of load sources to load source groups for Phase 7
P7 NEIEN Appendix Changes							This decision will take place once the previous mappings and AWMS decisions have been approved, likely in March 2026.

Updated Hydrologic and Critical Period for Phase 7			*WQGIT (12/15)	WQGIT (via email 1/7)		<a href="#">Dec WQGIT Presentation</a>	WQGIT approved the decision to pursue an update to the hydrologic and critical period for the Phase 7 model. WQGIT will be involved in multiple touchpoints through 2026. All technical and policy decisions need to be completed Dec 2026.
Methodology for Allocating Feed Space Acres for Phase 7			WTWG (*12/4 and via email by 12/18), *AgWG (12/18)			<a href="#">Dec WTWG Presentation</a>	The WTWG approved via email the methodology for allocating feed space acres for Phase 7.
Compacted Pervious Land Use Class - MS4/Non-Regulated Division			USWG (12/16)			<a href="#">Dec USWG Slides</a>	USWG approved the division of the Compacted Pervious land use class into regulated (within MS4s) and non-regulated, like all other classes in the developed sector, which was mistakenly omitted in the original decision.
Layer Population Data (Hillandale) and Application Concerns		*AMT (11/14)	AMT (12/12)			<a href="#">December AMT Presentation</a>	In December, the AMT agreed to incorporate missing Hillandale Layers into the Phase 7 model based on a composite dataset utilizing Hillandale and CAFO reported populations.

