

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
OCTOBER 9TH, 2012 CONFERENCE CALL

ACTION ITEMS AND DECISIONS

Decision: The next call will be held on Tuesday, November 13 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

Decision: WQGIT members approved the October 22-23 meeting agenda.

Action: Comments on the Toxic Contaminant Report are due to Greg Allen, Jeremy Hanson, and Katherine Antos by November 9. In addition, jurisdictions will confirm whether the contacts for the report are correct.

Decision: WQGIT approved the urban retrofits and performance standards reports for crediting these BMPs.

MINUTES

Welcome/Confirm Call Participants and Updates – Larry Merrill, Chair

- Larry Merrill sent an email on October 9 containing WQGIT WG and other relevant updates.
- **Shenk:** The CBP modeling team discovered a small issue with the modeling code that was leading to a slight variation in loads (less than 1% of load), even if BMP inputs hadn't changed. The issue has since been addressed by the team.
- **Merrill:** Given the federal holiday falling on our regularly scheduled date and time for the November WQGIT (November 12), Larry proposed as an alternative date Tuesday, November 13 from 1:30 – 3:30pm.

Decision: The next call will be held on Tuesday, November 13 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

- No updates or announcements from CBP Partners.

October 22-23rd Meeting Draft Agenda – Larry Merrill

- **Merrill:** Efforts continue to further refine the Guiding Principles in preparation for the October 22-23 face to face WQGIT meeting.
- **Baxter:** Will the conference rate be available for Sunday night (October 21) as well?
 - **Harrington:** Will be checking with Liberty Mountain Conference Center this afternoon and plans to follow up with the WQGIT members either today or tomorrow.
- **Phillips:** How do we plan to address state input on what's needed to develop the Phase III WIPs?
 - **Merrill/Antos:** Although the planning subcommittee did consider making this issue a separate agenda item, the decision was to handle this in the individual Panel presentations by the workgroup chairs/coordinators (i.e. addressing the question "Does the priority address barriers to implementation) and through subsequent WQGIT discussions.
- **Buckley:** Requested that references to the baseball playoffs be removed from the agenda in order to be clear that this is a serious meeting.
- **Merrill:** The target date for posting materials is October 15 and no later than October 17.
- **Davis-Martin:** Emphasized that having materials in advance are very important for a productive meeting.

Decision: WQGIT members approved the October 22-23 meeting agenda.

Toxic Contaminant Report Update and Overview of Preliminary Results – Scott Phillips and Greg Allen

- **Allen:** We are only recommending management actions where data is available in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that supports baywide or localized impacts.
- **Buckley:** Requested clarification of whether this report will be a federal agency or a Partnership product, as most Executive Order items are federal agency documents and getting state endorsement might lead to a more watered-down document.
 - **Phillips:** A workshop was conducted last October to make this a Partnership document.
 - **Buckley:** If the intent is to have this be a Partnership document, it will require further review from the WQGIT and PSC.
- **Entringer:** Questioned whether the report touched upon the issue of atmospheric deposition. **Allen:** The report is not intended to be a loadings inventory but that information will be important if we set reduction goals and develop strategies.
- **Buckley:** Does it make sense to seek consensus from the GITs? This should be a federal agency technical document.
 - **Phillips:** This will be a technical report, but a product of STAR.
 - **Buckley:** It could be difficult for some of the GITs to provide technical comments.
- **Buckley:** Did the Headwater states sign on to the toxics goals when they signed the Water Quality MOU?
 - **DE, WV:** We didn't sign on to toxics specifically, but there is something to contribute. Would rather not create a PCB TMDL for the Bay, but the report isn't even at this stage.
- **Phillips:** The review timeline is to distribute the report on October 22 and request comments by November 9.

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Urban Stormwater BMP Panel Recommendations – Norm Goulet and Tom Schueler

- **Goulet:** With future expert panels, we will seek to have improved communication, input and review between the Urban Stormwater Workgroup and the Watershed Technical Workgroup as well as any other necessary workgroups. In response to PA's request, Tom Schueler developed a 56-page chronology detailing the comments and response to comments on the Performance Report.
- **PA:** Still not happy with the nitrogen adjustor curves but for the purpose of the process, they are willing to go along with the majority opinion of the Urban Stormwater Workgroup.
- **WV:** West Virginia's stormwater experts are comfortable with the reports.
- **VA:** Still have concerns with asking local governments for input both in the charge and in the panel reports, but are willing to go along with the majority opinion and approve the reports.

Decision: Hearing no objections, WQGIT approved the urban retrofits and performance standards reports for crediting these BMPs.

Next WQGIT Meeting:

October 22-23rd, 2012

Liberty Mountain Conference Center
Carroll Valley, PA 17320

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