

Chesapeake Bay Program's BMP Verification Program Development Update CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team September 10, 2012 Conference Call

BMP Verification Principles Being Reviewed by WQGIT and MB

The Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's BMP Verification Committee has forwarded the draft BMP Verification Principles to the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) for review in advance of seeking the Management Board's (MB) review at their September 13 meeting. The condensed schedule is to ensure the draft final BMP Verification Principles are ready for presentation to the Principals' Staff Committee for final review and adoption at their fall (likely October) meeting.

BMP Verification Review Panel Nominees Forwarded to MB

The BMP Verification Committee has shared its recommended nominees for the BMP Verification Review Panel with the Management Board in preparation for asking for their final selection of Panel members at the Board's September 13th meeting. The Management Board will also be asked to approve the Panel's charge, how they will operate, and their overall schedule.

Revised Draft BMP Verification Protocols to be Reviewed September 12

During the BMP Verification Committee's September 12 meeting, the five source sector workgroups—Agriculture, Forestry, Urban Stormwater, and Wastewater Treatment—and the two habitat restoration workgroups—Streams and Wetlands—will be presenting their revised draft BMP verification protocols to the Committee for initial review and feedback.

BMP Verification Web Page Posted

The BMP Verification Committee's web page has been posted on the CBP partnership's web site at http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/best_management_practices_bmp_verification_committee. The web page has been recently updated to include links to all the conference calls and meetings of the Committee starting in March 2012 as well as providing a wealth of links to other BMP verification relevant materials.

Upcoming Schedule and Next Steps

September 10th WQGIT Conference Call

- Review and feedback on the draft BMP Verification Principles

September 12th BMP Verification Committee Meeting

- Review of the entire BMP verification program framework
- Are we ready to seek partnership approval of the entire framework or is more time needed to fully develop all the framework's elements
- Institutionalizing the application of life spans into our tracking, verification, and reporting systems

September 13th Management Board Meeting

- Review and approve proposed changes in the schedule (coming out of September 12 BMP Verification Committee meeting)
- Review and approve the proposed BMP Review Panel charge
- Review and approve the proposed BMP Review Panel operations
- Review and approve proposed BMP Review Panel members
- Review the draft BMP verification principles and recommend to PSC for final adoption.

October Principals' Staff Committee Meeting:

- Review the final draft BMP verification principles and adoption on behalf of the CBP Partnership