

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

March 18th-19th

DRAFT Meeting Agenda

Adams County Emergency Services

Classroom 1

**230 Greenamyer Lane
Gettysburg, PA 17325**

Conference line: 866-299-3188 Code: 267-985-6222#

Webinar link: <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>

Meeting materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22429/>

March 18th 10:00AM-4:30PM

10:00 **Welcome, introductions, review meeting minutes**

Workgroup Chairs

The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the February 19th conference call.

10:10 **Poultry litter data**

John Rhoderick and Curt Dell

- On behalf of both the Poultry Litter Subcommittee and the Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee, John and Curt will present the final [Poultry Litter Subcommittee report](#) for Agriculture Workgroup approval.
- Mark Dubin will provide an update on the poultry integrator survey pilot project.

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup members are asked to review the Poultry Litter Subcommittee and Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee report in advance of the meeting in preparation for approval.

11:30 **AMS land use recommendations and other updates**

Curt Dell and Matt Johnston

- Curt will present the [AMS recommendations for Phase 6.0 agricultural land use classification](#). Agriculture Workgroup members will be asked to discuss and finalize Phase 6.0 agricultural land uses.
- Curt and Matt will present a summary of recent AMS discussions and recommendations for workgroup feedback, including the AMS' proposed methods for calculating livestock nutrients and nutrient spread.

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup members will be asked to review the AMS' Phase 6.0 land uses proposal for approval.

12:30 **Break for lunch**

- 1:30 **Toxics Project** Tom Schueler
- The Chesapeake Stormwater Network is undertaking a project for the Toxic Contaminants Workgroup summarizing potential benefits of nutrient and sediment practices to reduce toxic contaminants in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Tom will present a draft project workplan for Workgroup feedback.
 - *CSN is soliciting feedback from the sector workgroups on the technical approach for this project and to identify any specific research or monitoring studies that could support the project. Comments and resources are requested to be sent to watershedguy@hotmail.com no later than Friday, March 27.*
- 1:40 **Phase 6.0 Land use loading rates** Sally Szydlowski, Olivia Devereux and Mark Dubin
- Sally will update Workgroup members on the VT unpublished loading rates literature review.
 - Olivia will give an update on the TetraTech land use loading rate review.
 - Mark will update Workgroup members on the review and development of Phase 6.0 relative loading rate recommendations for agricultural land uses.
 - *Agriculture Workgroup members will be asked to review and approve relative export rates for land use calibration at the April 16 conference call.*
- 2:40 **Riparian forest buffer task force** Eric Sprague and Sally Claggett
- Eric and Sally will present findings from their recently released report for workgroup discussion.
 - Sally will provide an update on the Forestry Workgroup's Riparian Buffer Management Strategy which is currently out for public comment
- 3:30 **BMP Protocol revisions** Workgroup Chairs/Lucinda Power
- The Water Quality GIT will be revising the BMP protocol based on comments received over the past six months. A tracked changes version incorporating the comments was posted on Monday, March 16th. The WQGIT will be discussing the protocol changes at their conference call on 3/23, face-to-face meeting on 4/13, and conference call on 5/11.
 - *Agriculture Workgroup members will be asked to provide comments on the protocol to Lucinda (power.lucinda@epa.gov) by April 30th.*
- 3:45 **Nutrient Management 5.3.2 report** Chris Brosch and Workgroup Chairs
- Chris will present the current Phase 5.3.2 Nutrient Management Panel recommendations for workgroup feedback and in preparation for requesting AgWG approval in April.
 - John and Kristen will announce upcoming Nutrient Management communications including a white paper and webinar.
 - Kristen will update Workgroup members on a recent discussion with the Citizen's Advisory Committee on agricultural nutrient management.
- 4:30 **Adjourn**

March 19th 8:30AM-3:00PM

- 8:30 **Launch BMP Expert Panels** EPEG Chairs and Workgroup Chairs

- Representatives from the following Expert Panel Establishment Groups (EPEGs, formerly known as subgroups) will present for Agriculture Workgroup approval the final draft panel charges for forming the future Phase 6.0 BMP Expert Panels. John and Kristen will present proposed panel chairs and membership for each of the above panels for workgroup consideration and comment.
 - *All charges were posted on March 6th, and members are strongly encouraged to review the charges prior to the meeting.*
 - *Following AgWG approval, the proposed charge and membership for each Expert Panel will be shared with the full Partnership for full review and comment. Final panel membership will be approved by the Workgroup prior to launching the Expert Panels in April and May.*

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup members will be asked to approve each of the proposed final draft panel charges.

8:45	<u>Cover Crops Phase 6.0</u>	Jack Meisinger
9:15	<u>Manure Injection / Incorporation</u>	Kristen Hughes Evans
9:45	<u>Conservation Tillage Phase 6.0</u>	Tim Sexton
10:15	<u>Nutrient Management Phase 6.0</u>	Jason Keppler

- 10:45 **Animal Waste Management Systems/Poultry Pads** Peter Hughes and Jeremy Hanson
- Peter will present the [final draft panel charge](#) developed by the Expert Panel Establishment Group
 - Jeremy will review status of the Virginia Tech RFP to select a panel chair and next steps for forming the panel.
 - *Proposed panel membership and scope of work will be brought to the AgWG in late April/May for approval prior to panel launch.*

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup members will be asked to approve the Animal Waste Management Systems and Poultry Pads panel charge.

- 11:00 **Manure Treatment Technologies Panel update** Jeremy Hanson
- Jeremy will update Workgroup members on recent panel meetings and discussions.

- 11:15 **Update from Expert Panel Establishment Groups** Mark Dubin
- Representatives from the cropland irrigation and agricultural stormwater and nursery Expert Panel Establishment Groups will share their draft panel charges with the AgWG for discussion and feedback in preparation for requesting AgWG approval in April.

- 11:30 **Status Update on EPA's Assessments of State Animal Agriculture Programs** Kelly Shenk
- Kelly Shenk will give a status update on the Animal Agriculture Program Assessments and reports that EPA is conducting in each Chesapeake Bay state.

12:00 **Break for lunch**

1:00 **BMP credit duration: subgroup recommendations**

Mark Dubin

- The Agriculture Workgroup's subgroup to revise BMP credit durations for the Phase 6.0 model will report back to the Workgroup on their recommendations. Workgroup members will be asked to review and provide feedback on the recommendations.
 - *This project has a Mar 31 deadline; AgWG approval will be requested for the non-highlighted sections during the meeting (or over email if minor corrections are needed for consensus).*
 - *The subgroup will have another call before the end of the month to resolve the highlighted sections.*

ACTION REQUESTED: Agriculture Workgroup members will be asked to approve recommendations from the BMP credit durations subgroup

1:45 **2015 AgWG Workplan**

Workgroup Chairs

- Kristen and John will discuss some of the upcoming priorities for 2015, and review a timeline of needed Workgroup actions and recommendations for the Phase 6.0 modeling tool development. Workgroup members will be encouraged to make recommendations on upcoming topics for discussion.

2:15 **Synthesis of meeting**

Workgroup Chairs

- Kristen and John will review discussions and decisions made of the 2 day meeting and will outline the follow up actions as well as the timelines to achieve consensus on any remaining decision items.

2:30 **Other items/Adjourn**

Next Meeting: April 16th conference call 10:00-12:00

Meeting Materials:

All materials from today's meeting will be posted on the event page:

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