



November 12, 2014

Re: Additional Delaware Representation on the Chesapeake Bay Program Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee

Dear Ag Workgroup Members,

In an effort to ensure Delaware representation on Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee meetings and calls and in order to provide an efficient response to data requests, I am requesting your consideration of Lauren Torres as a co-participant with me on this important group. I have been unable to participate in several recent meetings due to scheduling conflicts and feel that having an additional member will help fill this gap and provide more timely responses to email inquiries too.

Lauren is an Environmental Scientist with the Nutrient Management Program at the Delaware Department of Agriculture. There, her primary responsibilities are to ensure compliance with the state's Nutrient Management Law and CAFO regulations through conducting on-farm inspections and reviewing Nutrient & Animal Waste Management Plans. She also assists with teaching the certification and continuing education classes certifying Nutrient Generators, Handlers, and Consultants in the state of Delaware. She also serves as a member of the Center for Inland Bays Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee. In addition, Lauren has been involved with informing Delaware's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan and 2-Year Milestone goals. Lauren's management at the Department of Agriculture supports her involvement with this and other Chesapeake Bay Program groups and she also plans to stay informed of Ag Workgroup and Water Quality GIT activities now as well.

Lauren's knowledge of Delaware agriculture and expertise related to our State's nutrient management program and the data collected through annual reports will be an asset to this group. For these reasons, I hope you concur and approve her membership to the Agriculture Modeling Subcommittee. Should you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss this request in more detail, please feel free to call me at 302-730-400 or contact me via email at [jennvolk@udel.edu](mailto:jennvolk@udel.edu).

Thank you for this consideration,

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