

# Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

## Face-to-Face Meeting Agenda

*USGS Offices in Baltimore, MD*

*5522 Research Park Dr.*

*Catonsville, MD 21228*

Conference line: 866-299-3188 Code: 2675715#

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| 10:00 | <b>Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll-call of the governance body</li><li>• Roll-call of the meeting participants</li><li>• Approval of meeting minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li></ul>   | Workgroup Chairs                  |
| 10:05 | <b>Update on Phase 6 Input Deadlines</b> <p>During their October face-to-face meeting, the WQGIT agreed to extend the deadline for submission of all Phase 6 model inputs to December 31, 2016 including the jurisdictions' submission of historical BMP data and the source sector workgroups' submission of final BMP expert panel reports which directly impact Phase 6 model calibration. The workgroup chairs and Mark Dubin will brief AgWG on the timeline for Phase 6 model input decisions.</p>          | Workgroup Chairs, M. Dubin        |
| 10:15 | <b>Turkey Characterization Pilot Project Draft Report</b> <p>Dr. Jactone Ogejo, VT, and Tim Sexton, VADCR will provide a presentation on the VT Turkey Characterization Pilot Project's draft report which has been released for Partnership review and comment. All comments should be submitted to Mark Dubin and Lindsey Gordon by December 5<sup>th</sup>. The AgWG will be asked to approve the final project report during the December 15<sup>th</sup> face-to-face meeting.</p>                           | J. Ogejo, T. Sexton               |
| 10:40 | <b>Swine Characterization Pilot Project Draft Report</b> <p>Dr. Mark Estienne, VT, Robb Meinen, PSU, and Tim Sexton, VADCR will provide a presentation on the joint PSU/VT Swine Characterization Pilot Project's draft report which has been released for Partnership review and comment. All comments should be submitted to Mark Dubin and Lindsey Gordon by December 5<sup>th</sup>. The AgWG will be asked to approve the final project report during the December 15<sup>th</sup> face-to-face meeting.</p> | M. Estienne, R. Meinen, T. Sexton |
| 11:05 | <b>Manure Incorporation/Injection Panel Draft Report</b> <p>Curt Dell, USDA panel chair, will present the Phase 6 Manure Incorporation/Injection Panel's draft report and recommendations, which was released for Partnership review and comment on</p>   | C. Dell                           |

November 4th. All comments should be submitted to Mark Dubin and Lindsey Gordon by December 5th. The AgWG will be asked to approve the Panel's final report during the December 15<sup>th</sup> face-to-face meeting.

**11:35 Conservation Tillage Panel Draft Report** W. Thomason

Wade Thomason, VT panel chair, will present the Phase 6 Conservation Tillage Panel's draft report and recommendations, which was released for Partnership review and comment on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All comments should be submitted to Mark Dubin and Lindsey Gordon by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The AgWG will be asked to approve the Panel's final report during the December 15<sup>th</sup> face-to-face meeting.

**12:00 Break for Lunch**

**12:45 Cover Crops Panel Draft Report** K. Staver

Ken Staver, UMD panel chair, will present the Phase 6 Cover Crop Panel's draft report and recommendations, which was released for Partnership review and comment on November 18. All comments should be submitted to Mark Dubin and Lindsey Gordon by December 16. The AgWG will be asked to approve the Panel's final report during the December 15<sup>th</sup> face-to-face meeting.

**01:15 Animal Waste Management Systems Panel Update** J. Hanson

Jeremy Hanson, VT Panel Coordinator, will provide an update on the status of the Phase 6 Animal Waste Management Systems Panel's draft report, and the timeline for Partnership review.

**01:25 Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Update** C. Dell, M. Johnston

Curt Dell and Matt Johnston will present the AMS's drafted responses to the STAC Review of Nutrient Inputs to Phase 6 Scenario Builder, and additional recommendations from the AMS on proposed changes to Scenario Builder.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve of the AMS response to comments on the STAC Review of Nutrient Inputs to Phase 6 Scenario Builder and the AMS recommended changes to Scenario Builder.

**02:00 Delaware and Pennsylvania Pilot Cover Crop Transect Surveys** Marcia Fox, Tyler

Monteith, B. Coverdale, Susan Richards

The crop residue management transect survey programs established in Delaware and Pennsylvania for tracking and reporting county scale cropland tillage and residue management implemented a new cover crop transect survey pilot project in late 2014. Marcia Fox and Tyler Monteith with DNREC, Ben Coverdale with the DDA, and Susan Richards with the Capital Area RC&D Council representing both programs, will present the latest findings of their respective pilot cover crop projects over the past year, the methodology used in conducting the surveys, and how the information is being proposed to track and report annual cover crop implementation for the two jurisdictions.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve the BMP verification methodology used in Delaware and Pennsylvania's Cover Crop Transect Survey Pilot Projects for Cover Crop BMP annual progress reporting.

02:30 **Pennsylvania Farm Conservation Practice Inventory Project**

M. Royer, S.

Dressing, J. Harcum

Matt Royer, PSU, will provide a presentation on the BMP verification methodology and findings of the completed Pennsylvania Farm Conservation Practice Inventory Project conducted across the Bay watershed in the Commonwealth. Steve Dressing and John Harcum with Tetra Tech will present a report on their independent evaluation of the project's statistical analysis and BMP verification methodology.

03:10 **Update on Phase 6 Nutrient Management BMP Panel Final Report**

M. Dubin

Mark Dubin will provide an update on the decision made by the WQGIT in regards to the Phase 6 Nutrient Management BMP Expert Panel's final report.

**Decision:** The AgWG will be asked to approve the proposed amended Phase 6 Nutrient Management Panel Report.

03:25 **Wrap-Up/Review of Action and Decision Items/Announcements**

Workgroup Chairs, M.

Dubin, L. Gordon

Lindsey will review the actions and decisions from the meeting.

03:30 **Adjourn**

**Next meeting: Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 3:00 Face-to-Face @ CBPO Offices in Annapolis, MD**