

Chesapeake Bay Program Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's BMP Verification Steering Committee

Background

With their approval to move forward with the proposed approach and schedule for developing a partnership wide approach to BMP verification at their February 16, 2012 meeting, the Chesapeake Bay Program's Principals' Staff Committee also agreed to the formation of a BMP Verification Steering Committee at the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's request.

Charge

The BMP Verification Steering Committee is charged with responsibility for working as a sounding board for draft verification principles, protocols, BMP panel draft charge/proposed membership, and other draft verification related procedures (e.g., double counting, clean up of historical databases) coming out of the source sector workgroups.

The Steering Committee will review, provide feedback, and then team up with Chesapeake Bay Program Office managers and staff to shepherd the various elements of the BMP verification framework through the sector workgroups and goal implementation teams, up to the Management Board, and then ultimately to the Principals' Staff Committee for final review and adoption.

Membership

The Steering Committee membership, listed below in alphabetical order, is based on jurisdictional appointments and requests which went out to the WQGIT's workgroups and key involved stakeholders.

Bill Angstadt, Delaware Maryland Agribusiness Association
Russ Baxter, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality*
Evan Branosky, World Resources Institute
Valerie Frances, USDA Office of Environmental Markets
Jack Frye, Chesapeake Bay Commission
Roy Hoagland, Hope Impacts, Inc.
Beth McGee, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Matt Monroe, West Virginia Department of Agriculture
George Onyullo, District of Columbia Department of Environment
John Rhoderick, Maryland Department of Agriculture
Aaron Ristow, Upper Susquehanna Coalition
Ann Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission
John Schneider, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control*
Andy Zemba, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**

*Member pending confirmation by the jurisdiction.

** Pat Buckley, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, alternate

Operational Logistics

- The Steering Committee will be staffed by the Chesapeake Bay Program Office (see list below).
- The Steering Committee will carry out their work through participation in periodic conference calls, using transmittal of advance briefing materials via email and web site postings.
- Notices of all Steering Committee conference calls will be posted on the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership web site's calendar.
- Feedback, recommendations, and direction from the Steering Committee will be directly and rapidly transmitted by CBPO staff to the affected workgroup, team, board, and/or committee chair within the partnership's management organizational structure.
- Once the Principals' Staff Committee has adopted the BMP verification program on behalf of the larger partnership, the Steering Committee will have completed its decision support mission and will disband.

Chesapeake Bay Program Office Steering Committee Support Staff

- Rich Batiuk, EPA, Steering Committee Coordinator
- Mark Dubin, University of Maryland, Agriculture
- Debbie Hopkins, USFWS, Habitat
- Tom Schueler, Chesapeake Stormwater Network, Stormwater
- Kelly Shenk, EPA, Agriculture
- Ning Zhou, VA Tech, Wastewater/On-site Treatment Systems
- Staffer (detail position)

Steering Committee Priority Work Tasks

- Develop the initial draft set of BMP verification principles for moving up through CBP management structure.
- Review, comment on, and modify a working draft charge to the BMP panel along with a proposed panel membership.
- Review, comment on, and modify a working draft approach to addressing double counting developed by USGS working with the six states and NRCS.
- Review, comment on, and modify a working draft approach to cleaning up historical BMP databases developed by CBPO staff.
- Synthesize the various source sector workgroups and accounting workgroups/teams recommend verification protocols, feedback on the principles, etc. into an initial BMP verification framework for presentation to the WQGIT and then the other GITs for initial feedback and direction.
- Take the individual and collective feedback from the six GITs and the three advisory committees and revise the BMP verification framework prior to presentation to the Management Board.
- Take the feedback from the Management Board and work with the appropriate workgroups and GITs to address the concerns and specific direction from the Management Board.
- Let the Management Board know when all the components of the partnership's overall BMP verification framework are ready for presentation to the Principals' Staff Committee for review and adoption.