**BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT (BLUF)**: The federal facilities workgroup is contemplating a series of options to inform their level of participation and involvement in support of the development of EPA Phase 3 WIP Expectations and Jurisdictions’ Phase 3 WIPs. During recent brainstorming sessions, the group provided input on those alternatives and what would align and stay consistent with EO 13508 and 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement commitments.

**DISCUSSION:** The FFWG continues to be a forum for federal and jurisdiction representatives to facilitate water quality improvements on federal facilities. In preparation for the upcoming Phase 3 WIPs, the group is discussing mechanisms for federal facility participation. The group discussed several alternatives:

(1) Do nothing;

(2) Be consistent with Phase I and Phase II WIP approach where federal agencies/facilities are included in the State's input (i.e. have a federal section);

(3) Be consistent with Phase I and Phase II WIP approach where federal agencies/facilities are included in the State's input (i.e. have a federal section) with enhancements for greater accountability and participation; and

(4) Develop our own plan (either a full federal plan or individual agency plans).

The group agreed that Option 1 would not be considered, as it does not reflect the federal commitment to support jurisdictions’ WIPs. The group also agreed that Option 4 would not be considered exclusively because it would require a significant undertaking, many facilities are regulated through the NPDES program and would be captured within the state strategies for wastewater and/or urban/industrial stormwater, and more importantly, would not demonstrate collaboration or partnering. Finally, the group agreed that “separate but equal yet integrated” into WIPs would be the most reasonable. Therefore, the FFWG is considering a combination of Options 2 through 4 where jurisdictions’ would have a federal section in their Phase 3 WIPs and federal facilities would be treated equally and same extent as other entities.

**PROPOSED OPPORTUNITIES AND MECHANISMS:**

1. Provide an agreed upon outline of Phase 3 WIP Federal Section
   1. Introduction to Federal Agency demographics in the jurisdiction (facility information, breakdown of land use information, etc.)
   2. Discussion of progress to date, current mechanisms and tools (two-year milestones, BayFAST, Phase 6)
      1. Include broad milestones (i.e. federal agencies are committed to achieving…)
      2. Building input decks
   3. Discussion of the regulatory/non-regulatory piece associated with federal facilities (i.e. MS4s, industrial, wastewater treatment plants)
   4. Discussion of targets and mechanisms for their development
   5. Discussion that procedures, processes and pieces of the system that have been built and are in place
   6. Discussion of current gaps and opportunities to fill
      1. Real numbers will need to be understood here so there is a clear reflection of the gap. (i.e. from the agency to the facility level)
   7. Commitments (broad, agency, facility specific)
2. Increase participation of federal agencies not active
   1. Develop a presentation to brief agencies
   2. Conduct site visits and meetings with agency leadership (outside of the FLC)
   3. Have more face to face FFWG meetings
3. Development of Phase 3 WIP federal guide consistent with EPA Phase 3 WIP Expectations
4. Revision of Federal Targets consistent with the Phase 6 Model with an understanding of Current Progress
5. Facilitate workshops that enhance collaboration with relevant parties to inform what one another is doing in hopes of promoting collaboration and leveraging opportunities for funding (i.e. less compartmentalization)