

Status of the WIP III Expectations Document

- This is the final draft (but still a draft)
- Comments on the document from WQGIT will be due next Monday, January 9th
- Then it'll move up the decision-making chain over the next couple of months

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1. Gaps in programmatic capacity the jurisdictions will need to address in the 2018-2025 timeframe through their Phase III WIPs include: Further enhancing existing BMP tracking, verification, and reporting programs to be fully inclusive of local agencies, federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and businesses reporting pollutant load reducing practices for credit
2. Much of the implementation of the pollutant reduction practices, as articulated in the jurisdictions' WIPs, is expected to be carried out by municipalities, counties, cities, towns, soil and water conservation districts, MS4 communities, regional planning authorities, federal facilities and agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private sector businesses, as well as individuals.
3. EPA expects a detailed strategy of how jurisdictions engaged their local and federal partners in the development of the Phase III WIPs, and how these local and federal partners will be engaged in implementing the Phase III WIPs
4. The Task Force has developed a recommended list of options for how local could be defined for the purposes of establishing local planning goals; one option is federal facilities

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5. EPA will help with coordination among the federal agencies and the jurisdictions to ensure a system is in place that provides the information and tools needed for the federal agencies to provide input to Phase III WIPs directly to the jurisdictions including commitments to federal actions on federal lands and facilities, two-year water quality milestones, and 2025 pollution reduction targets/planning goals for federal facilities. EPA will annually request federal agencies to submit BMP implementation progress data to the jurisdictions for inclusion in their respective input deck submissions to EPA. EPA will help to identify and resolve issues related to jurisdiction use of implementation data provided by federal agencies to ensure jurisdiction progress reporting fully accounts for progress made by federal agencies. EPA also will assist with the resolution of any disputes among federal agencies and jurisdictions when requested
6. EPA will coordinate these actions with the CBP Federal Office Directors, the Water Quality GIT's Federal Facilities Workgroup, and where appropriate, the Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay. EPA will evaluate federal agencies' progress in meeting their two-year water quality milestones consistent with the E.O. 13508 Strategy for Protecting and Restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed which states Federal agencies with property in the watershed will provide leadership and will work with the Bay jurisdictions in the development of their watershed Implementation Plans