



Integrated Monitoring Networks Workgroup (INWG) Conference Call

Wednesday, Feb 20, 2018

1:00- 2:30 PM

CBPO Location: 303 Conference Room

Conference Line: 202-991-0477 **code:** 2832221

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Meeting Materials:

[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/integrated_monitoring_networks_meeting_february 2018](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/integrated_monitoring_networks_meeting_february_2018)

AGENDA

1:00 Welcome, Introductions, Announcements – *Peter Tango, USGS@CBPO, Coordinator*

1:15 Citizen Monitoring Cooperative Update- *Liz Chudoba, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay*

Liz will provide an update on the CMC Methods Manual and analysis with its first runs on citizen groups, as well as future updates and directions on assisting groups with their work, education and communication goals of CMC.

2: Introduction to Monitoring Program Discussions: 5-10 year Planning Horizon on Existing Monitoring Networks and Indicator Support- *Peter Tango, USGS@CBPO, IMN WG Coordinator – Discussion participation by all.*

Peter will initiate a 12-18 month discussion that is looking at the opportunities, challenges and decisions needed to maintain and grow existing monitoring networks as well as consider what support is in place for new outcome and factors influencing management success indicators across the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. The funding landscape recognizes our outstanding program continues to be well funded, but periods of flat funding are being met with increasing lab costs, increasing salaries, aging infrastructure. 10 years ago we had a community based set of adjustments to our water quality monitoring programs that have carried us through to today. As a community we need to use the next 12-18 months to chart a path that considers monitoring priorities in the face of level funding futures while discussing potential scenarios for reduced or increased funding on how we will strategically reduce or grow the networks addressing management decision-support needs. We also want to review how nontraditional partners are making strides to participate and extend contributions supporting high quality data delivered into our existing networks data streams for assessments.

2:30 Adjourn

Next IMN Meeting: March 21, 1:00pm-3:00pm