

## **Indicators Workgroup (IWG) of the Scientific and Technical Analysis and Reporting (STAR) Team**

### **IWG Scope and Purpose**

The Indicators Workgroup promotes the development of indicators that effectively communicate progress in the restoration of living resources, water quality and habitat in the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. The workgroup provides guidance to Scientific and Technical Analysis and Reporting Team and the other teams and workgroups that have the responsibility for the selection of appropriate metrics and the analysis and interpretation of data for individual indicators.

### **IWG 2013 Workplan**

A) Assist CBP Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) as they identify assessment and accountability metrics that will be used by the GITs and reported to external audiences in 2013. Specifically, the IWG will assist GITs as they:

- Identify changes to indicators previously reported to the public via CBP assessments.
- Identify indicators no longer to be used for public reporting.
- Identify indicators to be developed for public reporting. If a GIT needs support from the STAR to develop the new indicator, the STAR and the CBP Management Board need to weigh needs of the collective CBP and determine if/when resources of STAR will be utilized to support the needs of the GIT, especially if new monitoring, modeling and/or data analysis is required.

B) Ensure scientific and technical integrity of assessment and accountability information being used by GITs and being communicated to external audiences. Refer to [Chesapeake Bay Program Reporting Level Indicators Analysis and Methods Documentation Template](#) and [Analysis and Methods Documentation Sample](#).

C) Coordinate with the CBP Communications Workgroup (CWG) as they develop questions and guidance to help GITs identify indicators for public reporting in 2013. Please refer to [“Guidance for GITs as They Identify Assessment and Accountability Metrics for Public Reporting”](#).

D) Coordinate with CWG and GITs to update the [timeline of information](#) that will be made available to the public in 2013, including how the information will be conveyed (e.g. press release, web story, etc.).