

**Recommendations to PSC on IRC Assigned Issues
September 4, 2013**

Issue	Resolution/Recommendation	Date Resolved
1. Conowingo Dam	Language referring to the Conowingo Dam should not be included in the Agreement since the scale and level of detail is not appropriate for the agreement document.	8/7/13
2. Fracking	The IRC determined that specifics on fracking are not appropriate in this agreement. The issue of fracking is being addressed by the Phase II WIP. Fracking is not at the scale or level of detail appropriate for the Agreement.	7/31/13
3. Climate Change	The IRC reaffirmed that climate change should not be included as a goal, but it should be included as a cross-cutting issue to be addressed in management strategies for outcomes because it is a factor influencing the Partnership's ability to meet goals and outcomes. The term, "changing environmental conditions" is used in lieu of climate change. [PA DEP]	7/31/13
4. Land Use	8 of 9 IRC signatory members supported the inclusion of two outcomes under the land conservation goal to address farm and forest land conversion and change in impervious surface cover. The IRC will be moving this recommendation to the PSC noting the one dissenting member. (Three members indicated that they would not participate in a management strategy for land use.)	9/4/13
5. Toxic Contaminant Outcomes	8 of 9 IRC signatory members supported a toxics reduction outcome in addition to the research outcome already approved by the MB. Six members supported an outcome focused on mercury and PCBs only and two members supported a broader outcome. The IRC will be moving this recommendation to the PSC noting the one dissenting member. (Four members indicated they would not participate in a management strategy for toxics reduction.)	8/21/13
6. Local Leadership Goal	LGAC will be presenting their revised goal and outcomes at the 9/12 the Management Board mtg.	8/16/13
7. Outcomes vs. Measuring Progress/Status	Referred to the EB. (PA DEP is not sure that the EB is the appropriate place to resolve issue.)	8/21/13
8. Data Management / Verification	Referred to EB. Language already approved by the PSC for BMP Verification Principles will be included	7/31/13

	in the Preamble. The EB also will develop intro language for the intro to the WQ section for review by the IRC. A broad statement regarding transparency across the entire program also is recommended for inclusion in the Principles.	
9. Management Strategies / Partner Participation	Referred to EB with no change to PSC-approved language after discussing on 8/21 IRC Call.	8/21/13
10. Operational Commitments	Referred to the EB.	8/21/13
11. Communications / Outreach	Referred to the EB.	8/21/13
12. Social / Economic Indicators	Language drafted by Social Science Action Team Co-chairs and sent to the EB. (May need to be discussed by MB or IRC first.)	8/28/13
13. Independent Evaluation	IRC discussed on the 9/4 call and the inclusion of independent evaluation language in the Agreement was not supported by the IRC members. The EB will be asked to remove current language in the Operational Commitments from the draft Agreement.	9/4/13
14. Monitoring / Modeling	Referred to the EB for inclusion in Operational Commitments.	8/21/13