

## Overview of the Midpoint Assessment Outlook Calendars

### Schedule for PSC Decisional Meetings

The following three PSC decisional meetings are the primary drivers of the decision-making schedule for the Management Board and the WQGIT on key Midpoint Assessment priorities. Webinars and additional briefings will be scheduled in preparation of these decisional meetings (please refer to the more detailed outlook calendar for additional information on specific topics and dates).

#### December 13, 2016 Principals' Staff Committee Meeting

Based on recommendations from the WQGIT and the Management Board at their October and November 2016 meetings, we are seeking **DECISIONS** from the PSC members on the:

- Proposed **Phase III WIP planning targets methodology**;
- Recommended **allocation of the additional nutrient and sediment loads coming over Conowingo Dam** due to the Conowingo Reservoir reaching its capacity to trap nutrients and sediments;
- Proposed **climate change assessment procedures**;
- Proposed **ranges of options for when and how to factor climate change considerations into the jurisdictions Phase III WIPs** with decisions in spring 2017 informed by the outcomes of the proposed climate change assessment procedures; and

A **presentation** will also be provided by the Co-Chairs of the Partnership's Local Area Planning Targets Task Force on preliminary recommendations for expressing local planning goals in the jurisdictions' Phase III WIPs.

#### Late May TBD 2017 Principals' Staff Committee Retreat

Based on recommendations from the WQGIT and the Management Board at their March and April 2017 meetings, we are seeking **DECISIONS** from the PSC members on:

- Management Board's proposed **draft Phase III WIP planning targets**;
- **Approval of the Phase 6 suites of Partnership models** and other decision support tools for management application by the Partnership and the individual partners based on resolution any identified fatal flaws in the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools;
- Partnership's **Local Area Planning Targets Task Force recommendations** on options for developing local area targets in the Phase III WIPs and what will be factored into the final Phase III WIP expectations;
- How to fully **offset the additional nutrient and sediment loads coming over Conowingo Dam** due to the Conowingo Reservoir reaching its capacity to trap nutrients and sediments; and
- **When and how to incorporate climate change considerations into the Phase III WIPs** as the partners work on the draft Phase III WIP planning targets due in June 2017; and
- Proposed **approach to ensuring all future new pollutant loads are offset**.

A **presentation** will also be provided on the Management Board's recommended final feedback to EPA on the draft final Phase III WIP expectations and EPA's proposed final Phase III WIP expectations.

#### December TBD 2017 Principals' Staff Committee Meeting

The Partnership will have six months to review the draft Phase III WIP planning targets between when they are released in June 2017 and when they are finalized in December 2017. During this 6-month period, the Partnership will have the opportunity to request and see the results of model scenarios and programmatic

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analyses that will inform the development of the final planning targets. We are seeking a **PSC decision** on the **final Phase III WIP planning targets in December 2017**.

**Presentations** will also be provided to PSC members from (1) each jurisdiction on their progress in developing and conducting local engagement strategies as part of their Phase III WIP development; and (2) on the final sets of jurisdictional and source sector Midpoint Assessment Profiles.