

# Promotion of Data Sharing for States' Approval of Advanced Onsite Systems

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# Overview

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- **Began with Onsite Model Program for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed**
- **Developed whitepaper on data sharing opportunities and constraints.**
- **Developed overview of Chesapeake Bay State approval processes.**
- **Ongoing discussions to develop protocols acceptable to the states**

- **Developing two protocols:**
  - Initial State Acceptance
  - Field Performance Verification
- **Based in general on NSF protocols**
- **Gaining general consensus with exceptions**
- **Focus is on DATA SHARING PROTOCOLS**  
**not** reciprocity

# Implications

- **Streamlined data collection**
- **More stringent requirements for technology approval for some states**
- **Manufacturers have better understanding of states' requirements**
- **Future database?**

# CBP Considerations

- **Evaluate if the data collected in compliance with the protocols will be accepted for review for BMP Verification**
- **Workgroup's current verification recommendations are based existing state regulations**

# Questions?

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