

Chesapeake Bay Program Water Quality Goal Implementation Team Policy

Addendum to the Protocol for the Development, Review, and Approval of Loading and Effectiveness Estimates for Nutrient and Sediment Controls in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model:

WQGIT Procedure for Referral of New BMPs Proposed by NGOs, Proprietors or Entities Other than Jurisdictions (States or D.C.) or WQGIT Workgroups

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The WQGIT's "Protocol for the Development, Review, and Approval of Land Use Loading Estimates and Best Management Practices Effectiveness Estimates for Nutrient and Sediment Reduction" provides that proposals for efficiency or loading estimates for new or revised BMPs can be initiated by the following groups:

- A CBP technical workgroup
- A jurisdiction
- A different group/organization/agency if a CBP workgroup agrees to sponsor the recommendation through the CBP review process.

If new BMPs are proposed by entities other than a CBP technical workgroup or a jurisdiction, the WQGIT procedure for routing these requests are as follows:

1. The entity requesting consideration shall submit to the WQGIT Vice Chair the following information: (a) a clear and concise definition of the practice with specific information on how it reduces nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment, and (b) reference available science/data on the nutrient and sediment removal efficiencies with the contact information and affiliation of the lead researchers, including the geographical location of where the data was collected.
2. The WQGIT Vice Chair will forward these requests to the WQGIT workgroup chair for the workgroup most applicable to the particular BMP. The initial determination of the most applicable workgroup will be at the discretion of the WQGIT Vice Chair.
3. The workgroup chair may request to the WQGIT Vice Chair that the proposed BMP be routed to an alternative technical workgroup if he/she feels that placement in another workgroup is more appropriate.
4. The workgroup chair provides a brief representation of the proposal to their respective workgroup. The workgroup chair and workgroup have discretion to determine the level of attention to devote to a particular request. For proprietary BMPs, this may include referral of the requesting entity to seek a determination of efficiency by the Technology Acceptance Reciprocity Partnership (TARP) for urban stormwater related BMPs, National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International for septic treatment units, or other similar third-party evaluation

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- processes as determined relevant by the workgroup before any further workgroup consideration of the BMP.
5. The workgroup may chose to sponsor the proposed BMP through the entire WQGIT development, review, and approval process. If this is the case, the workgroup would determine the level of priority for this BMP is compared to other BMPs that have been identified for review through the protocol. Alternatively the workgroup may decide not to take action on a BMP.