



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)**

Webex Chat Summary*

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**Chat messages were edited to provide clarity and correct grammatical errors. Messages that were irrelevant to preserving the questions and discussion below were removed (ex. reminding people to mute phones, letting participants know of call interference, etc.). There may be overlap between the chat and the WTWG Meeting Minutes. Refer the WTWG August 5th Meeting Minutes for more details and any Action and Decisions.*

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from Ted Tesler to everyone: 10:28 AM

In line with Bill's comment, I would love to see a Feb 1st deadline so we can space our workload,

from James Martin to everyone: 10:29 AM

Just timing question. Make sure the review is complete, edits agreed to and document published by 12/1.

from James Martin to everyone: 10:33 AM

Disappointing that the low veg backout was not completed for CAST21. Why was that issue tabled by the WTWG?

from Vanessa Van Note to everyone: 10:36 AM

James, was backout on the CAST-21 workplan? If so, which task was it? I am unable to find it.

from James Martin to everyone: 10:37 AM

1/21 should not be called final...the submission is not final until the verification review is received, responses provided and issues resolved.

from Matthew. English to everyone: 10:45 AM

What is the final date for submitting data for 2021 Progress? Is it 1/21?

from James Martin to everyone: 10:52 AM

@Vanessa - Backout was included in the WQGIT verification letter to the MB and the MBs response (charge). I think this landed on the CAST21 workplan Task referencing verification changes.

from Vanessa Van Note to everyone: 10:57 AM

Matt, I believe December 1st is the submission deadline for 2021 progress. But any errors that are found in the data can be corrected following December 1st as they arise in the scenario runs up until the progress scenario is finalized. If a dataset is going to be submitted late for progress, you may notify us ahead of time and we can work together to find a solution. Olivia, Jess or Jeff can correct me if I am understanding this process wrong.

@James, Task 8 of the CAST-21 workplan only references "Build in Partnership-approved products of the BMP Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team as it relates to credit duration ". Issue 7 of the management board, revisiting backout and cutoff procedures, was charged to the WTWG. The BMP Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team was charged with Issue 5

and Issue 6 on the MB charge. If the intention was to group backout and cutoff in with Task 8 for credit durations, unfortunately it was not made very clear. I apologize for that.

from Matthew. English to everyone: 11:02 AM

Thanks Vanessa. To clarify, I am asking what will be the final date to make corrections to the data. For example, for the 2020 Progress, that date was Feb. 2, 2021.

from Vanessa Van Note to everyone: 11:02 AM

I know it is not in time for CAST-21, but we will be bringing this back forward in September. The Hillandale data was included into the CAST-21 workplan as Task-7.

I see. Thanks for the clarification, Matt. Do you feel the February deadline is reasonable?

from Matthew. English to everyone: 11:06 AM

Vanessa- The deadline depends on when the final feedback is received. If EPA will review data submitted on 1/21, I would think you need to leave time for EPA to do that review, and then for a jurisdiction to make edits after that.

from Olivia Devereux to everyone: 11:06 AM

@Matt, the deadline for Progress 2021 corrections is indeed 1/21/2021. The full submission is due on 12/1/2021.

from Vanessa Van Note to everyone: 11:11 AM

Thank you, Olivia.

from Brosch, Chris DDA to everyone: 11:12 AM

And Jess. Glad to have these issues sunlit and fixed!

from Vanessa Van Note to everyone: 11:12 AM

Matt, with Jeff's earlier comments, we will revisit the proposed timeline (where 1/21 is the final submission and review), we will send out the confirmed schedule as soon as possible.

from Lisa Beatty, PA DEP to everyone: 11:13 AM

I am hearing 3 different messages via chat and verbal explanation. 1. The deadline is 1/21 2. If there are issues beyond 1/21 then it will be extended. 3. We will be busy with updates with CAST21 and may not keep the schedule. Please give us clear and transparent clarification, expectations in writing.

from Matthew. English to everyone: 11:13 AM

Olivia - if that is the decision, I would ask that you add a reminder to the timeline that highlights the last date that the model will be run and error reports generated before the 1/21 date. Just as a helpful planning mark for people like myself.

from Olivia Devereux to everyone: 11:16 AM

@Matt, will do. there will be error reports run weekly beginning 12/5. These can help each jurisdiction review and correct data before the 1/21 date. The timeline will be clarified and updated.

from Matthew. English to everyone: 11:16 AM

I might also ask we add the dates by which EPA is anticipated to return feedback to jurisdictions after their 12/10 and 1/7 reviews.

from James Martin to everyone: 11:16 AM

Why is this at the WTWG not the AgWG?

from Olivia Devereux to everyone: 11:17 AM

The 12/10 and 1/7 dates are the dates EPA will provide their feedback via conference calls or letter. The final will definitely be by letter. Earlier ones may be less formal and a conversation to clarify issues identified.

@ James, timing of data availability and the fact that this needs to be approved by both WTWG and AgWG. AgWG members were invited to this call. The nuts and bolts of this are more in the realm of the WTWG.

AgWG was updated on WTWG discussion in July

from James Martin to everyone: 11:19 AM

@Loretta - Thanks. I did not realize this was a joint meeting pf the AGWG and WTWG

from Matthew. English to everyone: 11:20 AM

Olivia - Thanks so much for the information. It is very helpful to understand that 12/10 and 1/7 are when the EPA will return feedback. Could you clarify the date data needs to be in CAST that EPA will use for the review returned on 1/7?

from Olivia Devereux to everyone: 11:22 AM

The Friday before. That is when we always run the reports. Next month's presentation will be far more detailed.

from Matthew. English to everyone: 11:23 AM

Great. Thanks!

from Lisa Beatty, PA DEP to everyone: 11:25 AM

We would like a very detailed email (not a here is the updated presentation link) with the clear timelines and expectations for EPA for reporting. When will this be sent to the jurisdictions?

from Brosch, Chris DDA to everyone: 11:35 AM

@Greg, DE agrees there too.

And, why are we being asked now with a high enough priority to consider a change product? This facility hosted a field day of the AGWG 10 years or so ago, Certainly the Ag modeling subcommittee members participating from PA could have considered this 5 years ago. We've considered CAFO type data since Phase 4 and it's not congruent with Ag Census. We need to take what we learned in this exercise and consider it for Phase 7 with all the other Ag Census replacement opportunities.

from Loretta Collins to everyone: 11:48 AM

@ Chris, I do agree this issue highlights a need for Phase 7. It's on the list regardless of today's outcome.

from Jessica Rigelman to everyone: 11:55 AM

Manure Treatment Technology have never been reported to the CBP through NEIEN for progress from any state

from James Martin to everyone: 11:58 AM

Agree with Chris. We should be looking to a broader systematic approach to evaluate all of the data sources available.

from Brosch, Chris DDA to everyone: 11:58 AM

Exceptionally clear and efficient!

from James Martin to everyone: 11:59 AM

Not just for this CAFO, or just layers, all animals.

from Brosch, Chris DDA to everyone: 11:59 AM

Yes James.