



Chesapeake Bay Program
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)
Conference call
Thursday, November 5, 2015
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

MINUTES

Summary of Action and Decision Items

ACTION: All comments and feedback on the Algal Flow-Way Technologies expert panel report should be sent to Sarah Lane (sarah.lane@maryland.gov) by COB December 4. Once all comments have been received, the panel will respond to the comments and return to the WTWG for approval of the report in January, 2016. Once approved by the WTWG, the report will be sent to the WQGIT for final approval.

ACTION: Jurisdictions should provide CBPO with AFO/CAFO splits, harvested forest acres, and construction acres by November 25, 2015 so that the Progress data provided on December 1 can be run on the correct land uses.

Algal Flow-way Technology Expert Panel Report – Sarah Lane, MD DNR

Sarah presented the recommendations of the Algal Flow-Way Technologies expert panel, kicking off the 30-day open comment period.

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Discussion:

- No questions or comments were raised.

2015 Progress Submission Discussion – Jeff Sweeney, EPA and Olivia Devereux, DEC

Jeff and Olivia led a discussion on 2015 Progress submission.

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Discussion:

- No questions or comments were raised.

Phase 6 Submission and Timeline Discussion – Jeff Sweeney, EPA and Olivia Devereux, DEC

Jeff and Olivia led a discussion on Phase 6 data submission, review process and timeline.

Discussion:

- Robin Pellicano (MDE): Has the data on the password-protected site incorporated new census data and is it pre-back-out? It is base land use data without BMPs?
 - Sucharith Ravi (UMCES): Yes, it is all of the pre-BMP conditions.
- Pellicano: If there are issues, are Jeff and Sucharith the contacts?
 - Jeff Sweeney (EPA): Yes. We have already had some comments on the data. We will also be bringing in the Land Use Workgroup (LUWG) for help with land use questions and to address how they think land uses will change with the new high resolution data coming in next year.
- Devereux: If you are tracking implementation of new BMPs for the Phase 6 Model, we recommend that you go ahead and put them in NEIEN, so that as soon as they are approved we can begin pulling that data.
- Sweeney: What would be helpful to aid you in your review of the data?
 - Marty Hurd (DOEE): The feedback reports you are providing are very detailed, and if I had the time I could go through them and see how it panned out. A summarized, big picture view would help us figure out if there were any strange nuances or mistakes in submission that prevented us from being credited.
 - Devereux: Would you like the big picture view at a different scale? How do you imagine that looking?
 - Hurd: I guess a summary of the practice for the year. For instance, lumping a set of practices together for the year and giving the number of acres that were credited. When we get through QAPPs and progress reporting, I will spend some time digesting the reports and come up with something that has helped me understand the reports and could help others as well.
 - Jess Rigelman (J7 LLC): I will hopefully be done with summary drafts of the BMPs soon after Thanksgiving. Hopefully that will help out.
- Bill Keeling (VA DEQ): I have only done a rudimentary evaluation. 2009 was a big year for the TMDL, and WIP planning. Could you add A) some years, or B) all of them? 1998 was a big year in agriculture as well. Getting the submitted vs credited reports for at least every calibration year, if not all of them, would be useful. That will help me determine what is going on.
 - Sweeney: We will start with submitted vs credited and validation reports. We will try to get you the other years.
- Keeling: The notion that what we submitted this last October may be the final thing, who do I need to talk to in order to get them straight? I received a lot of records on September 24 that did not make it into my submission.
 - Sweeney: I think you are okay. The Modeling team is concerned with meeting the deadlines for a STAC review, but you will be able to get that data in. The earlier you get it to us, the better off you will be.
- Alana Hartman (WV DEP): I would echo Marty's comments. We need to see if individual records make it through, which you have done, and also be able to quickly sum what made it through in each of the years. I think Matt tried to get us date reports, but I didn't see it on the site. I also think the summary would be helpful.
- Greg Sandi (MDE): I haven't had a chance to really look through it. I may have time in early 2016.
- Sweeney: Please just shoot us an email if you think of something that you need in summary form, in addition to what we will already be providing.
- Rigelman: The extra years requested should be up soon.
- Keeling: NEIEN should be more standardized than it is rather than accommodating so many different inputs. A data flow process review would be recommended.
 - Rigelman: I would like to talk to you about that further. Please let me know if you have suggestions.
 - Keeling: I ran into cover crop nomenclature where the BMP name and the mapping in Scenario Builder did not always make sense. I think that needs to be straightened out.
 - Rigelman: Yes, I agree. I will look through the appendix when I have a chance.

- Sweeney: On your first item, there are two schools of thought. Standardizing versus handling everything that is thrown at it.
- Hartman: Advice on where to go for practice definitions that can be easily referenced in documentation?
 - Rigelman: The CAST definitions are pulled from Scenario Builder. The same data from CAST should be on BayTAS in the next few months and the definitions should be the same.
 - Devereux: There are also linked documentation to the expert panel reports available from CAST. Those will have the expanded definitions.

Adjourn

List of Call Participants

Member Name	Affiliation
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