

Chesapeake Bay Program
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 4th, 2024
10:00 AM to 10:40 AM

[Meeting Materials](#)

Summary of Actions and Decisions

Decision: The WTWG approved the March 2024 meeting [minutes](#).

Action: WTWG members should reach out to Ruth and Jess (rcassilly@chesapeakebay.net and jrigelman@j7llc.com) with any questions on or additions to the NEIEN appendix.

Meeting Minutes

10:00 **Introductions and Announcements** – Cassie Davis, NYS DEC (10 min).

- **Decision requested:** Approval of the March 2024 Meeting [minutes](#).

Decision: The WTWG approved the March 2024 meeting [minutes](#).

- Commercial Agricultural Production Data Decisions Update – Auston Smith, EPA
 - Auston received questions about where to find recent input reports (i.e. Poultry Litter, Swine Characterization, Turkey Litter Nutrients)
 - They are available on the CAST [website](#) under ‘About’ -> ‘[Model Documentation](#)’ -> ‘Phase 6 Dynamic Watershed Model and CAST-17 Documentation’
- Updates to [BMP Quick Reference Guide](#) – Jackie Pickford, CRC
 - Four new BMPs – Ag Stormwater, Animal Mortality Management, Licensed Oyster Harvest, Oyster Reef Restoration
 - Full list of updates in Appendix B
 - Can be accessed on the CAST webpage under ‘[BMPs](#)’

10:10 **NEIEN Update** – Jessica Rigelman, J7 Consulting (5 min)

Jess provided an update on NEIEN and the schedule to finalize it for 2024. This included going through an updated NEIEN appendix spreadsheet (posted on the meeting [calendar page](#)) with new changes highlighted. Jess explained that the NEIEN appendix updates will be a standing item until August. Jess also noted that the NEIEN appendix will be finalized **by August 31st, 2024**. Partners had an opportunity to discuss their questions or concerns.

10:15 **Abandoned Mine Reclamation (AMR) BMP Discussion Follow Up** – Ruth Cassilly, UMD and Jessica Rigelman, J7 Consulting (20 min)

Ruth and Jess provided updates on the AMR BMP, following up from concerns raised at the March WTWG [meeting](#). Ruth reviewed the context for the discussion, summarized proposed

updates to the NEIEN appendix for CAST-23 regarding this BMP, and went over questions from the March WTWG discussion and answers for them.

Action: WTWG members should reach out to Ruth and Jess (rcassilly@chesapeakebay.net and jrigelman@j7llc.com) with any questions on or additions to the NEIEN appendix regarding the AMR BMP.

Next Meeting: [Thursday, May 2nd, 2024](#), from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Participants

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Alicia Ritzenthaler, DC DOEE
Arianna Johns, VA DEQ
Ashley Hullinger, PA DEP
Ashley Kelly, DoD
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Acronym List

BMP: Best Management Practice
CAST: Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool
CRC: Chesapeake Research Consortium
DDA: Delaware Department of Agriculture
DEC: [NY State] Department of Environmental Conservation
DEP: [PA] or [WV] Department of Environmental Protection
DEQ: [VA] Department of Environmental Quality
DNR: [MD] Department of Natural Resources
DNREC: [DE] Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
DoD: [U.S.] Department of Defense
DOEE: [DC] Department of Energy and Environment
EPA: [U.S.] Environmental Protection Agency
LCCD: Lancaster County Conservation District
MDA: Maryland Department of Agriculture
MDE: Maryland Department of the Environment
NEIEN: National Environmental Information Exchange Network

UMD: University of Maryland
USC: Upper Susquehanna Coalition
VIMS: Virginia Institute of Marine Science
WTWG: Watershed Technical Workgroup