



Watershed Technical Workgroup Meeting

February 5, 2026
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

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Purpose: To provide the WTWG with important announcements related to 2025 Progress and the Phase 7 Model.

Agenda

I. Introductions & Announcements

(10:00- 10:15 AM)

- Please put your name and affiliation in the chat box for attendance purposes. Thank you!
- Approval of [January Meeting Minutes](#)
- Update on Nomination Process

- Verification Emails from Auston
- April 1 Deadline for Phase 7 Calibration BMP History and 2025 Progress Data Submissions
- Status of the Transition from NEIEN to CAST for BMP Reporting
- Update on the Deletion of Historical Progress Submissions- Jess Rigelman, J7 Consulting
- Reminder to Submit Pasture High and Hay High Acres for Phase 7
- Federal Facilities Reporting Template Update for UNM
- Other announcements?

Requested Action: Decisional- Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Lead: Auston Smith, EPA

Materials: January 2026 Meeting Minutes

II. Progress Validation Report Updates (10:15-10:35 AM)

At the January WTWG meeting, Jess Rigelman noted that a request was made to add a tab indicating potential duplicates to the validation report for Progress. At the February WTWG meeting, Jess will ask the WTWG for final approval of the addition of the duplicates worksheet to validation reports. Jess will also share an update on new errors that will be included as a part of the validation report.

Requested Action: Decisional- Approval of the Addition of a Duplicates Worksheet to the Validation Report.

Lead: Jess Rigelman, J7 Consulting LLC

Materials: Presentation

III. Approval of Mapping of BMPs to Load Source Groups (10:35-11:05 AM)

In November 2025, Jess Rigelman provided an overview of an initial proposal for how Phase 7 load sources will be mapped to BMPs. Jess returned to the WTWG in January 2026 with an update on initial feedback from the Urban Stormwater Workgroup and Agriculture Workgroups. At the February meeting, Jess will present the final matrix for WTWG approval, incorporating recommendations from the Urban Stormwater Workgroup and Agriculture Workgroup. The WTWG will be asked to approve the mapping of BMPs to load source groups for Phase 7.

Requested Action: Decisional- Approval of the Mapping of BMPs to Load Source Groups

Lead: Jess Rigelman, J7 Consulting LLC

Materials: Presentation, Updated Matrix

****Please note the final matrix will be uploaded and distributed on January 29, following the AgWG meeting. The version posted at the time the agenda is distributed is what will be shared with the AgWG at their January 29th meeting****

IV. NEIEN Appendix Update (11:05-11:15 AM)

Jess Rigelman will provide the group with an update on feedback received regarding the NEIEN Appendix. Time will be made for additional discussion.

Requested Action: Informational

Lead: Jess Rigelman, J7 Consulting LLC

Materials: TBD

V. Animal Waste Management Systems NEIEN Proposed Appendix Update (11:15-11:40 AM)

Using USDA Manure Management System information and in-pasture estimates from jurisdictional partners, a conversion factor estimate for each animal type has been provided to calculate animal units from the volume of an animal waste management system. We would like to review this methodology with the Workgroup for inclusion in the NEIEN Appendix.

Requested Action: Informational

Lead: Auston Smith, EPA

Materials: AWMS Volume Estimates Spreadsheet

VI. Overview of E3 and No-Action Scenarios (11:40-11:55 AM)

Auston Smith, EPA, will provide the group with an overview of E3 (“Everything, Everywhere, (by) Everyone”) and No-Action scenarios for setting planning targets. This informational overview will lay the groundwork for future discussions and decisions at the sector workgroup level on scenario inputs.

Requested Action: Informational

Lead: Auston Smith, EPA

Materials: Presentation

VII. Wrap-Up (11:55 AM-12:00 PM)
Lead: Caroline Kleis, CRC

VIII. Adjourn (12:00 PM)

Next Meeting: March 5th 2026, from 10:00AM-12:00PM