



Chesapeake Bay Program

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## Criteria Assessment Protocol (CAP) Workgroup Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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**Purpose:** In this meeting, the group will hear from Leah Ettema (EPA) with the second part of her presentation on Dissolved Oxygen Assessment Methodologies. The first part of this presentation was given at the [December CAP WG Meeting](#). Matt Stover (MDE) will be sharing the findings from his survey of Clean Water Act Administrators from other states. Next, Breck Sullivan (USGS) will be diving into the revised Watershed Agreement, specifically the changes to the Water Quality, Standards Attainment and Monitoring Outcome. Then, Peter Tango (USGS) and Qian Zhang (UMCES) will be

sharing the results of the most recent Stoplight Chart and explain the Water Quality Standards Attainment Indicator. Lastly, the group will spend time discussing the future of the Criteria Assessment Workgroup.

## Agenda

**I. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements (9:00 AM – 9:10 AM)**

*Lead: Peter Tango (U.S. Geological Survey, USGS)*

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [Choose Clean Water Conference](#) – May 18-20, 2026. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- [Chesapeake Community Research Symposium](#) – June 1-3, 2026. Annapolis, Maryland. Abstracts due February 13, 2026.

**II. Background and Approaches to Dissolved Oxygen Assessment (9:10 AM – 10:10 AM)**

**Methodologies, Part 2: Continuous Data Assessments**

*Lead: Leah Ettema (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA)*

This presentation will review the 2017 Technical Addendum recommendations for assessment of continuous dissolved oxygen. Then, it will review common continuous data assessment methodology elements, based on state integrated report assessment methodologies, applicable outside of the Chesapeake Bay.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

**III. Survey of State Assessment Methods (10:10 AM – 10:45 AM)**

**for High Frequency Dissolved Oxygen**

*Lead: Matthew Stover (Maryland Department of the Environment, MDE)*

This presentation will summarize State responses to a seven-question survey on what dissolved oxygen criteria States have in their water quality standards and how they assess those criteria.

Requested Action: Non-decisional.

**IV. Revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and Water Quality, Standards Attainment, and Monitoring Outcome Overview (10:45 AM – 11:15 AM)**

*Lead: Breck Sullivan (USGS)*

At the Chesapeake Executive Council meeting in December, the revised Watershed Agreement was approved. The partnership is now shifting focus to applying updates and planning implementation efforts. In this presentation, Breck Sullivan (USGS) will be sharing Agreement updates and next steps.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

**V. Multi-metric Water Quality Standards Attainment Indicator Overview (11:15 AM – 12:15 PM)**

*Lead: Peter Tango (USGS) and Qian Zhang (University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, UM CES)*

In this presentation, Peter Tango (USGS) and Qian Zhang (UM CES) will break down the water quality standards attainment indicator. This will include the stoplight plot, the indicator, and other opportunities using the data. The presentation will be followed by discussion.

Requested Action: Discussion

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**(12:15 PM – 1:45 PM)**

**VI. Brainstorming Session: Planning for Next Steps within the Criteria Assessment Protocol Workgroup** **(1:45 PM – 3:00 PM)**

*Lead: Peter Tango (USGS), Matt Stover (MDE) and Tish Robertson (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, VA DEQ)*

As the Criteria Assessment Protocol Workgroup looks to the future, they'd like input from the members on what should be focused on and accomplished in 2026 and beyond.

**Focus Questions**

1. What do we want to accomplish in 2026? Beyond?
2. What do we need to discuss in our meetings in 2026?

Requested Action: Discussion

**VII. Adjourn** **(3:00 PM)**

**Next Meeting: March 9, 2026**