



Criteria Assessment Protocol Action Team Work Plan Timeline

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What things can we expect at what date from the CAPAT?

- Aug 2026-Jan 2027— Development of 4D Interpolator DO Assessment Protocol (CAPAT/BORG)
- February 2027 – Presentation of protocol for 4D Interpolator-based DO assessment to CWGIT
- Jan - July 2027 – Publication of 4D Interpolator assessment protocol
 - Review of States' Multiple Line of Evidence (SMLE) protocol

How is CAPAT approaching these tasks?

- A protocol will be developed to enable the assessment of all DO criteria. Currently the CAPAT's focus is on decision rules for 4D Interpolator-based assessments.
- 4D Interpolator protocol be run on select segments to 1) determine it is workable for all DO criteria, 2) understand how 4D Interpolator assessment results may differ from 3D Interpolator assessment results, and 3) fine-tune the protocol, if needed.
- The CAPAT will likely be convened at least two times between now and Jan 2027 to discuss the 4D Interpolator protocol.
- The CAPAT leadership will document the rationale for excluding criteria from the 4D Interpolator protocol, in the case that CAPAT recommends their exclusion.
- The final protocol will be documented and eventually published on the CAPAT website.

In what order will each criteria be addressed?

- The decision rules currently being reviewed by the CAPAT apply to all the Bay DO criteria.
- The testing of the 4D protocol will happen on a subset of segments. Our aim is to select a diversity of segments so that the protocol can be tested for all designated uses, criteria, and special cases. Initial results are expected by the Fall 2026.
- The SMLE protocol will also be developed for all Bay DO criteria. The plan is for the SMLE protocol to be used in conjunction with the 4D Interpolator protocol to inform the States' 303(d)/305(b) decisions.

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