



Data Integrity Workgroup (DIWG) Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2026
1:00 PM – 2:45 PM

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Purpose: This is the quarterly meeting of the Data Integrity Workgroup. This meeting will begin with the regular updates, including monitoring and laboratory analysis updates, blind audit updates, coordinated split sample program updates, USGS standard reference sample updates, and community and participatory science updates. Then, Mary Stack (ICPRB) will be sharing the Chesapeake Bay Program's updated Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) metadata specifications with the group. Lastly, Alex Fries (UMCES) will be presenting two questions on chlorophyll *a* sampling and analysis for the group to discuss.

Agenda

I. Introductions and Announcements

(1:00 PM – 1:10 PM)

Lead: Cindy Johnson (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, VA DEQ)

- II. Monitoring and Laboratory Analysis Updates** (1:10 PM – 1:20 PM)
Lead: Cindy Johnson (VA DEQ)
Requested Action: None.
- III. Blind Audits Update** (1:20 PM – 1:25 PM)
Lead: Jerry Frank (University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science – Chesapeake Biological Lab, UMCES CBL)
Requested Action: None.
- IV. Coordinated Split Sample Program** (1:25 PM – 1:30 PM)
Lead: Mary Stack (Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, ICPRB)
Requested Action: None.
- V. Community and Participatory Science Updates** (1:30 PM – 1:35 PM)
Lead: Alex Fries (UMCES) and Liz Chudoba (ACB)
Requested Action: None.
- VI. USGS Standard Reference Samples** (1:35 PM – 1:40 PM)
Lead: Allison Welch (Chesapeake Research Consortium, CRC)
Requested Action: None.
- VII. Updated Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Metadata Specification** (1:40 PM – 1:55 PM)
Lead: Mary Stack (ICPRB)
The new CBP metadata requirements will be summarized by identifying the updated field names and noting where expectations have changed.
Requested Action: None.
- B R E A K** (1:55 PM – 2:05 PM)
- VIII. Updated Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative (CMC) Methods** (2:05 PM – 2:15 PM)
Lead: Liz Chudoba (ACB)
Incorporation of Chesapeake Water Watch Chlorophyll *a* unfiltered fluorometer desktop analysis and turbidity into the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative.
Requested Action: None.
- IX. Chlorophyll *a* Lab Methods** (2:15 PM – 2:45 PM)
Lead: Alex Fries (UMCES)
Discussion of lab methods accepted by CBP for the lab fluorometer method versus the lab spectrophotometer method (both filtered).
Requested Action: Discussion.
- X. Adjourn** (2:45 PM)

Next Meeting: Summer 2026