
Outcome:

Water Quality, Standards Attainment & Monitoring

- Measure changing water quality conditions by maintaining monitoring networks and tracking our collective progress toward achieving clean water throughout the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

Clean Water Goal Team: Structure

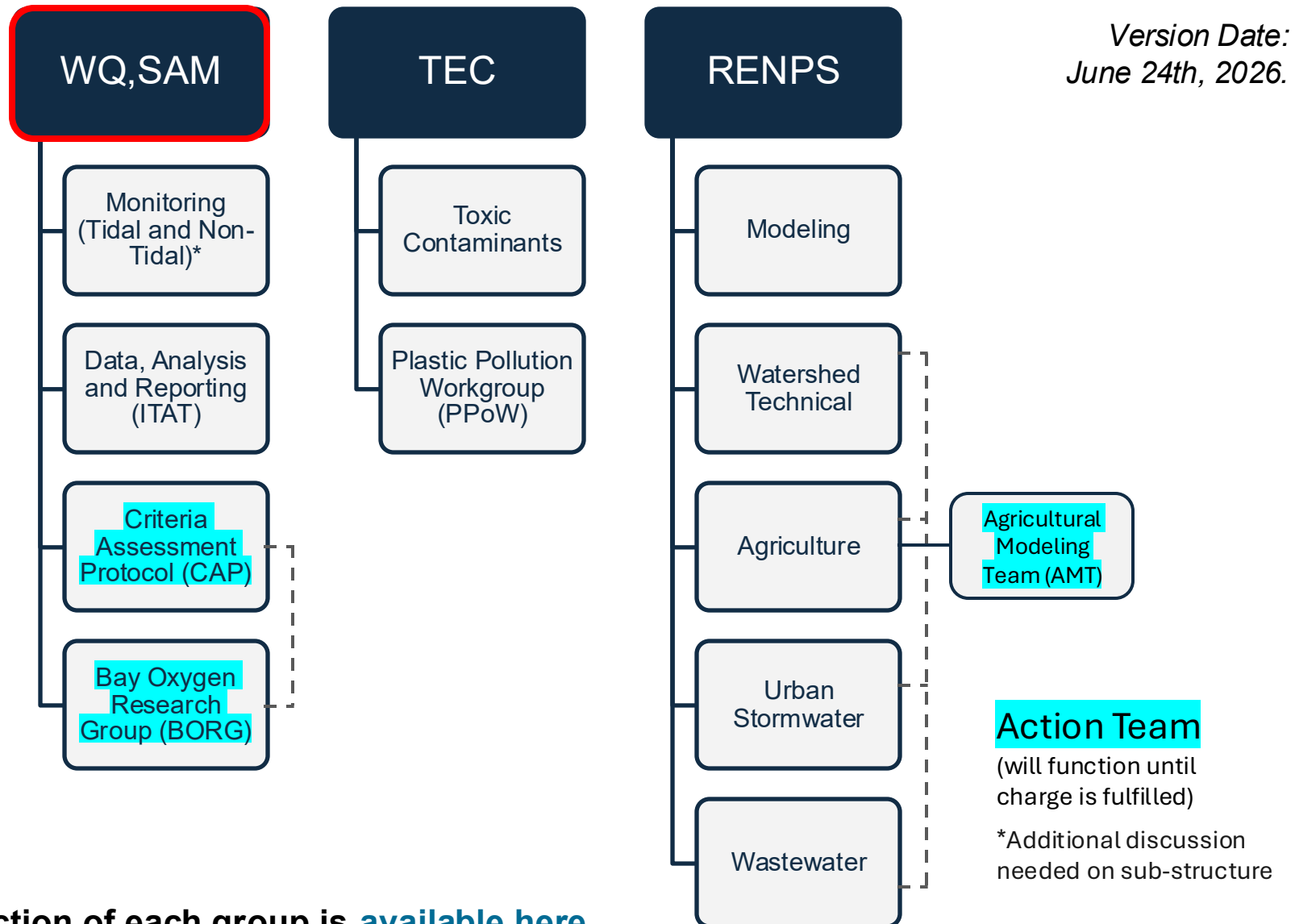
Sunsetting Workgroups

- Hypoxia Collaborative Team (integrated into Monitoring Workgroup)
- Non-Tidal Workgroup (integrated into Monitoring Workgroup)
- Data Integrity Workgroup (integrated into Monitoring Workgroup)
- Milestones Workgroup
- Federal Facilities Workgroup (functions integrated into Watershed Technical Workgroup)

Workgroups Moving to Healthy Landscapes GT

- Forestry Workgroup
- Land Use Workgroup

More information on the proposed function of each group is [available here](#).



Monitoring Workgroup



Maintains & adapts CBP core monitoring networks (tidal/nontidal WQ, SAV, benthic, participatory science)



Ensures physical, chemical, biological & hydrologic data collected at needed spatial/temporal scales



Provides full data management coordination (collection → QA/QC → metadata → dissemination)



Coordinates partners to ensure data completeness, comparability & integrity



Conducts program reviews to assess successes, gaps & resource needs



Evaluates opportunities for new technology, enhanced monitoring & improved data frameworks

Data, Analysis & Reporting Workgroup



Advances analysis, interpretation & communication of changing water quality conditions



Integrates monitoring data & analytical insights into science-based management decisions



Analyzes & reports loads, trends & criteria attainment for tidal & nontidal waters



Supports transparency & collaboration across agencies, academics & non-profits



Strengthens scientific insight through cross-pollination of analytical tools & ideas

Criteria Assessment Protocol (CAP) Action Team



Develops partnership-approved water quality criteria assessment protocols (focus on DO)



Provides scientific support to MD, VA, DE & DC for adopting DO criteria assessment methods



Prioritizes & resolves questions related to water quality criteria protocols



Supports WQ,SAM target: DO assessment method by 2028; applied for reporting by 2030



Close coordination with BORG AT

Bay Oxygen Research Group (BORG) Action Team



Developed new 4D interpolation tool producing dissolved oxygen estimates across space & time



Supports evaluation of short-duration DO criteria (instantaneous, 1-day, 7-day means)



Preparing documentation for STAC review (Nov 2026)



Close collaboration with CAP AT