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Federal Planning Targets: Initial Considerations Regarding an Action Team

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Brief History of Federal Planning Targets

Reference Materials

Protocol for Setting Targets, Planning BMPs and Reporting Progress for Federal Facilities and Lands

- June 22,2015
- https://www.chesapeakebay.net/files/documents/federal_targets_protocol_final_06_22_2015_2.pdf

Federal Facilities Targets for NY, PA, WV, and DC

- https://cast-content.chesapeakebay.net/documents/FedFacilitiesTargets_NYPAWVDC.xlsx

Federal Facilities Targets for MD

- Maryland Federal Interim Targets Default Data with Agencies
- Maryland Federal Interim Targets Facility with Submitted Data with Agencies

Federal Facilities Targets for VA

- Federal Facility Targets for VA

CAST Federal Agencies Section

- Link: https://cast.chesapeakebay.net/Home/TMDLTracking#fedAgencySection

Methods for Establishing Federal Facilities' Targets

EPA Default Method

For jurisdictions that choose not to set targets for federal facilities, EPA will provide 2017 and 2025 targets consistent with the CWA. EPA will determine the loading rate for 2009 and also 2025 by state major basin for major land use groups. Major land use groups are defined as urban, agriculture and forest.

EPA will calculate the 2017 target as the loading rate of 60% of the 2009-2025 reduction using the 2025 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) and associated Chesapeake Bay TMDL for each state. The 2017 target is by land use group and state major basin and is 60% of the reduction between the 2009 TMDL baseline and the 2025 TMDL. The annual loading rate that achieves the 60% reduction will be applied to the baseline conditions established by federal facilities. This ensures that the level of effort for the federal facility is the same as non-federal lands in the state major basin (more information is available at http://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/22783/epatargetmethodexample_051515.pdf).

Federal facilities can establish their baseline by entering into BayFAST their land use and current BMPs. Using this approach, each federal facility would also need to enter the year of the scenario in the scenario description section. The most recent data can be used. Using this information, the annual loading rate (pounds/acre/year) to reach 2017 will be applied to the federal facility's baseline to establish the 2017 target.

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Establishing a New Action Team for Federal Planning Targets

E. ACTION TEAMS

Action teams may be established by the PSC or goal teams as needed to meet explicit and short-term needs. Generally, an action team is also appropriate for an issue that does not reside within the context of a particular goal team, or that requires special expertise and/or is subject to special time pressure such that existing goal teams are not the best mechanism for addressing it.

1. **Roles and Responsibilities:**
    a. Assemble a team of individuals with expertise relevant to the issue the action team is to address.
    b. Adopt/adapt operating procedures (i.e., meetings, subgroups) to meet the objectives (deliverables and timetable) for action on the problem.
    c. Conduct analysis of the problem.
    d. Report to the PSC and/or goal team with recommendations or options for resolving issues.
    e. Disband after reporting results.

2. **Leadership and Membership:**

    Leadership of the action team will be determined by the group that created the action team. The leadership of the action team will determine the membership in consultation with the group that created the action team and will be guided by the skill sets required to address the issue the action team is to address. Members will be drawn from volunteers as well as from targeted invitations at the discretion of the leader.

3. **Operations:**

    Operating procedures for the action teams follow those found under the workgroups section of this document (Section V(D)(3). Additionally:

    a. They are charged with a specific mission and strategic priorities.
    b. Staffing will be dependent on the mission.
    c. Action teams present their work products and findings to the group that created the action team.
    d. Action teams dissolve when the mission is accomplished.

Establishing a New Action Team

- It was noted at the June CWGT meeting that an Action Team could be stood up as needed for the formation of new federal targets, if the functions of the Federal Facilities Workgroup are integrated into the WTWG.
- Action Teams are defined clearly in the Governance and Management Framework, p. 20-21

Next Steps

- The WTWG will need to determine if they would like to develop an Action Team or whether the discussions can be held at the WTWG as scheduled.

- If it is decided to develop an Action Team, the group will need to determine:
  - The timeline for developing an Action Team
  - The frequency at which the Action Team will meet
  - Action Team membership

Discussion

- How would the group prefer to go about the process for establishing Federal Planning Targets? Does the WTWG see value in creating an Action Team for this purpose?

- If the WTWG were to develop an Action Team, what is the preferred meeting frequency and timeline for the group to be established?

- Other thoughts?