



Monitoring Workgroup Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2026
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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Purpose: This is the first meeting for the Monitoring Workgroup. In this meeting, the Monitoring Workgroup Leadership Team will be introduced. Peter Tango (USGS) will present on the Monitoring Workgroup and provide the information that participants will need to know. Then, the meeting participants will be discussing the structure of the Monitoring Workgroup meetings, guided by examples from Tom Parham (MD DNR), Meighan Wisswell (VA DEQ) and Cindy Johnson (VA DEQ). Lastly, participants will be asked to discuss and answer the question “What do you want to get out of the Monitoring Workgroup?”

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements**
Lead: Peter Tango (U.S. Geological Survey, USGS)

(2:00 PM – 2:10 PM)

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- [Restore America's Estuaries' 2026 Coastal & Estuarine Summit](#) – September 22-25, 2026. San Francisco, California.
- [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#) – November 13-15, 2026. Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

II. Leadership Team Introductions (2:10 PM – 2:20 PM)

Description: Each member of the leadership team for the Monitoring Workgroup will introduce themselves.

Requested Action: Informational, none.

Lead: **Tom Parham** (MD DNR), **Cindy Johnson** (VA DEQ), **Meighan Wisswell** (VA DEQ), **Peter Tango** (USGS), and **Allison Welch** (CRC)

Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).

III. Monitoring Workgroup Structure and Membership (2:20 PM – 2:45 PM)

Description: This presentation will serve as an overview and introduction to the Monitoring WG. Peter Tango will describe the updated membership structure, the workgroup's placement within the goal team and the workgroup's guiding outcome.

Requested Action: Informational, none.

Lead: **Peter Tango** (USGS)

Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).

IV. Discussion on Monitoring Workgroup Meeting Structure and Frequency (2:45 PM – 3:10 PM)

Description: Monitoring Workgroup Leadership will share their ideas for the structure of Monitoring Workgroup meetings. Meeting attendees are encouraged to share their ideas and feedback on how to best structure the workgroup's meeting agendas given the diverse range of topics.

Requested Action: Discussion.

Lead: **Tom Parham** (MD DNR), **Meighan Wisswell** (VA DEQ) and **Cindy Johnson** (VA DEQ)

Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).

V. Discussion on Monitoring Workgroup Vision (3:10 PM – 3:30 PM)

Description: In this discussion, meeting participants will be asked to answer the question "What do you want to get out of the Monitoring Workgroup?" and discuss.

Requested Action: Discussion.

Materials: Presentation can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).

VI. Adjourn (3:30 PM)

Next Meeting: TBD