

WQGIT/WQGIT Workgroup Phase 7 Decisional Items Through February 2026

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Disclaimer: The following topics and timeline reflect the workgroup leadership's best guess at when items will appear before a given workgroup. Dates, topics, and workgroups involved in the topic are subject to change.

Topic	October	November	December	January	February	Recent Materials	Notes
Broiler Population, Litter Generation, and Litter Concentrations					*AMT (2/13), AMT (2/27)	February AMT Presentation	The AMT considered adopting data from a broiler data collection project headed by the Delaware Department of Agriculture. In February, the AMT agreed to update the relevant broiler data in the Delmarva region of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, with notification to the PSC from relevant parties regarding timeline adjustments given additional data collection ongoing through March.

Inorganic Fertilizer	*AMT (10/10)	*AMT (11/14)	AMT(12/12)	*AMT (1/9)	*AMT (2/13), AMT (2/27)	December AMT Presentation	<p>In December, the group decided on the fertilizer smoothing process and a single method for interpolating sales data for nonreporting states.</p> <p>A conclusion was not reached in February regarding options for the backfilling of organic sources with inorganic sources. Given that there were no proposed paths forward, the group determined this topic finished and instead focused on the inclusion of updated broiler data.</p>
Supplemental Nutrient Management Practices on Pasture and Hay					AMT (2/13), WTWG (3/5)	March WTWG Presentation for final approval	<p>During the creation of Hay High and Pasture High Land Uses, nutrient management multipliers associated with Core Nutrient Management were decided. The AMT did not address the efficiencies of Supplemental Nutrient Management, Rate, Placement, and Timing. As such, the AMT reviewed potential efficiency values for Phase 7 in February and these values were approved by the WTWG at their March meeting.</p>

P7 NEIEN Appendix					WTWG (3/5)	Phase 7 NEIEN Appendix	The WTWG approved the Phase 7 NEIEN Appendix at their March meeting.
P6 NEIEN Appendix Additions for Historical BMP Reporting					WTWG (3/5)	P6 NEIEN Appendix Additions Spreadsheet	The WTWG approved the additions to the Phase 6 NEIEN Appendix for historical BMP reporting to include UNM BMPs and solar pervious land uses. No progress data will be altered as these additions are only to allow for advance submissions of BMPs that will affect Phase 7.
Methodology for Reporting Nutrient Management on Pasture/Hay					WTWG (via email by February 19)	February WTWG Presentation	The WTWG approved via email the proposed process for reporting nutrient management on hay and pasture, accomodating the new land uses, in Phase 7.
Animal Waste Management Systems Conversion Factor					*WTWG (2/5)		This was discussed at the February Watershed Technical Workgroup meeting. However, the requesting body did not wish to proceed with this item for 2025 Progress or the Phase 7 Calibration. As such, it was not discussed further by the WTWG.
Mapping P7 Load Sources to BMPs		*WTWG 11/6	*USWG (12/16), *AgWG (12/18)	*WTWG (1/8), AgWG (1/29), USWG (via email 1/20)	WTWG (2/5)	February WTWG Slides and Matrix for Approval	The mapping matrix of Load Sources to BMPs was approved by the WTWG, including the AgWG and USWG recommendations, in Feb 2026.

Exfiltration Estimation Method					WWTWG (2/26)	February WWTWG Slides	Final details on optional inputs for the Sanitary Sewer Exfiltration estimation method were approved.
CSS Data Layer				Additional data due 1/23		Sept WWTWG Presentation	Updated data was received for a final layer before model calibration.
MS4 Area Data Layer				Additional data due 1/23		Sept USWG Presentation	Updated data was received for a final layer before model calibration.
Updated Hydrologic and Critical Period for Phase 7			*WQGIT (12/15)	WQGIT (via email 1/7)		Dec WQGIT Presentation	WQGIT approved the decision to pursue an update to the hydrologic and critical period for the Phase 7 model. WQGIT will be involved in multiple touchpoints through 2026. All technical and policy decisions need to be completed before Dec 2026.
Methodology for Allocating Feed Space Acres for Phase 7			WTWG (*12/4 and via email by 12/18), *AgWG (12/18)			Dec WTWG Presentation	The WTWG approved via email the methodology for allocating feed space acres for Phase 7.

Compacted Pervious Land Use Class - MS4/Non-Regulated Division			USWG (12/16)			Dec USWG Slides	USWG approved the division of the Compacted Pervious land use class into regulated (within MS4s) and non-regulated, like all other classes in the developed sector, which was mistakenly omitted in the original decision.
Layer Population Data (Hillandale) and Application Concerns		*AMT (11/14)	AMT (12/12)			December AMT Presentation	In December, the AMT agreed to incorporate missing Hillandale Layers into the Phase 7 model based on a composite dataset utilizing Hillandale and CAFO reported populations.
Urban Nutrient Management Updates	*USWG 10/21 *WQGIT (via email recording) *WQGIT 10/27	USWG (via email 11/12), WTWG (11/6), WQGIT (via email 11/24)				Oct USWG Presentation Recording	The UNM Panel Report was approved by USWG on 11/12, WQGIT on 11/24. The Technical appendix was approved by WTWG on 11/6.
BMP Excess	WTWG 10/2					October WTWG Presentation	The AMT sent a recommendation on default buffer width for conversion calculations to the WTWG in September. The WTWG approved this decision at their October meeting.

Key: (*)= Informational **Bold** = Decisional Agriculture Land Use CAST Inputs Wastewater Other BMP Updates Grey = completed

In addition to linked presentations and materials from meetings, reference Office Hour recordings linked here for relevant topics that were covered.

[Aug 15 Office Hours Recording](#)

[Aug 18 Office Hours Recording](#)

[Sep 15 Office Hours Recording](#)