

Chesapeake Bay Program
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 11th, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Call

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Agenda Item and Desired Outcome	Time	Background Docs, Notes, and Action Items
<p>1. Introductions and Announcements (Keith Bolt, EPA; WG members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro from TCW coordinator • Beyond 2025 Outcome Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on outcome and target language ○ Overview of what public feedback process will look like • Member announcements 	1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Majcher, USGS shared a recent study: Municipal and Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Contributions to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in the Potomac River: A Basin-Scale Measuring and Modeling Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See corresponding data releases here and here. ○ Action: If anyone is interested in a longer presentation on the paper at a future workgroup meeting, email Emily (emajcher@usgs.gov). • Bonnie Raindrop, Maryland Pesticide Education Network shared a recent report: Pesticides and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: Communicating Recent Pesticide Research Findings to Inform Stakeholders, 2010-2021 • Keith Bolt, TCW Coordinator, updated the workgroup on the Toxic Contaminants Outcome language approved by the PSC at their May meeting ahead of the release for public feedback on July 1. Anyone can submit feedback from July 1 – August 30 by email to comments@chesapeakebay.net. Keith then gave an overview of the schedule for next steps in the Watershed Agreement revision and Beyond 2025 process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of the outcome language and the rest of the Beyond 2025 process can be found on the calendar page. ○ Emily Majcher asked for clarification on the reasoning for inclusion of “the waters, lands, living resources and communities” part of the outcome, as opposed to focusing only on waters, noting the concern that it encompasses remediation activities happening on land (e.g. brownfields, state superfunds, etc.) that this workgroup does not really address. Keith responded that the idea was to cast a wide net to avoid excluding any topics in the future, with the intent that the workgroup members would set priorities within that wide net.
<p>2. Recent Legislative Updates from the Chesapeake Bay Commission (Anna Killius, CBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna will share updates from the recently wrapped-up legislative sessions in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. • Discussion from workgroup members on new legislation in their jurisdictions 	1:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation slides can be found on the Calendar Page. • Anna Killius, CBC shared recent legislative updates on toxics-related items from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the federal level. Anna reminded workgroup members about CBC’s role as a tri-state legislative commission and in the CBP and highlighted how the 3 state legislatures operate on different timeframes. • For PFAS, Virginia enacted a legislation piece to reduce PFAS contamination in the Occoquan Reservoir (HB 2050). A self-reporting bill in VA which would have required industrial users to self-report PFAS as part of their pre-treatment program was vetoed. Maryland had two pieces of legislation related to PFAS in pesticides and sludge, both of

		<p>which did not pass. Pennsylvania has two pending legislations to ban the use of PFAS in firefighting foam (HB 1261) and require a study of PFAS in biosolids (HB1116).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For plastics, Maryland enacted two bills on extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packaging (SB901) and water bottle filling stations requirements in applicable new construction (HB 277/SB96). Virginia did not pass a plastic bag ban, but will be implementing a foam packaging ban effective July 1. Pennsylvania has pending legislation that would ban single-use plastic retail bags at the state-level (HB 1547).• Other state legislature includes two pending bills in Pennsylvania to require a road salt guide from DEP (HB664) and prohibit driveway sealants with a certain level of PAHs (HB1089). Maryland enacted a coal ash bill (SB425) and Virginia will be implementing a PAH driveway sealant bill on July 1 that was enacted last year.• Anna also gave an overview of CBC’s tracking of the federal budget, including what agencies are doing with FY2025 funding and impacts on relevant programs from the budget reconciliation process. In the federal policy space, Anna highlighted that the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) fees to help fund implementation expire in June 2026. Also, Anna stated that EPA announced some PFAS actions on things like testing, effluent limits, and liability, and announced it intends to keep the maximum contaminant levels for PFOS and PFOA but extend the compliance guidelines and intend to rescind the regulations for other PFAS including GenX.• Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Keith asked whether similar bills in different states are seen often (e.g. the two driveway sealant bills in MD and PA) and if there are similarities in who is initiating them. Anna responded they are similar, but not identical, given the politics and dynamics in each state that shift the bill through discussion. The initiation is often regional environmental organizations so may be brought by similar groups to another state once successful in one.○ Discussion on Maryland’s PFAS Pesticides Bill (HB386)<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ (in chat) Bonnie Raindrop: Regarding Maryland's bill re PFAS pesticides (HB386) was a good bill until it was amended by the chemical industry to change the definition to an industry-friendly definition which would have eliminated 90% of PFAS pesticides from being considered PFAS. Advocates lobbied to kill the bill.▪ (in chat) Len Schugam: Bonnie can correct me if I'm wrong but I believe the definition was changed to how PFAS is defined under TSCA. Originally it applied to any compound with a single fluorinated carbon.▪ (in chat) Bonnie: Len when do you believe that occurred?▪ (in chat) Len: Not sure. I don't think the definition was officially changed in the legislative text. One other thing to point out is previous MD legislation that was passed defined PFAS as any compound with at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.▪ (in chat) Bonnie: Len, at the time of the bill process, TSCA had not finalized an official new rule change on the definition of PFAS.○ (in chat) Emily Majcher: Just an FYI in case members aren't aware, the USGS priority
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		science that provides funding for the work described at the start of the call and other USGS CB science efforts as well (Ecosystems) is proposed to have a 100 percent cut in FY26 in the President's budget request.
3. Workgroup Membership Updates (Keith Bollt, EPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatory voting member list clarification • Decision: Confirm nomination of Anthony Timpano, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) for co-chair. • Decision: Confirm nomination of Sushanth Gupta, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) as at-large voting member. 	1:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith gave an overview of WQGIT governance that TCW follows and the roles of voting members. He thanked signatory members for confirming their current voting members and alternates, sharing this list with the workgroup. • DECISION: Workgroup members confirmed the nomination of Tony Timpano, VADEQ as a TCW co-chair. This decision will go to the WQGIT at their June 23 meeting to confirm him as TCW co-chair. • DECISION: Workgroup members confirmed the nomination of Sushanth Gupta, MWCOG as a TCW at-large voting member. • ACTION: One more co-chair position and up to five at-large voting member positions are still open. If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please reach out to Keith (Bollt.Keith@epa.gov) and Petra (Baldwin.Petra@epa.gov).
Wrap Up and Adjourn	1:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith shared that the July TCW meeting is canceled. • ACTION: If you have any ideas for upcoming meeting topics you'd like to present on or hear about, please reach out to TCW leadership. <p>Next meeting: Aug 13th, 2025 (PFAS Quarterly)</p>
Attendance: Keith Bollt (EPA), Petra Baldwin (CRC), Sushanth Gupta (MWCOG), Bonnie Raindrop (MPEN), Kofi Asante (DOEE), Tony Timpano (VADEQ), Marel King (CBC), Sakinat Ahmad (DNREC), John Cargill (DNREC), Anna Killius (CBC), Maggie Woodward (CBC), Charlie Brown (EPA), Len Schugam (MDE), Emily Majcher (USGS), Samuel Miller (USGS), Doug Austin (SEE Grantee), Amanda Shaver (VADEQ), Josh Lookenbill (PA DEP), Kelly Sommers (EPA), Brooke Kline (USGS), Raquel Wetzell (FWS), Kelly Smalling (USGS), Anna McClain (USGS), Suzanne Trevena (EPA), Ellen Egan (AquaLaw)		