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Toxic Contaminants Workgroup

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

1:00 – 2:30 PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Toxic Contaminants Workgroup (TCW). Main agenda items include a presentation on a recent Imidacloprid study, a presentation on the 2025 update to the Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention Outcome Indicator, and a discussion on potential Indicator(s) for the new Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Outcome.

Agenda

I. **Welcome and Announcements** (1:00 – 1:10)

Tony will welcome meeting participants, give an overview of today's agenda, and share an update on workgroup membership. Members are welcome to share any additional announcements during the meeting.

Requested Action: Decisional – approval of minutes.

Lead: Tony Timpano, TCW Co-Chair

Materials: [January 2026 TCW Meeting Minutes](#)

II. **Trend Study: Imidacloprid in United States Rivers** (1:10 – 1:40)

Sam will present a recent trend study on Imidacloprid, a neonicotinoid insecticide, which was motivated by a site in the Chesapeake Bay with high concentrations. The paper, "Imidacloprid in United States Rivers, 2013–2022: Persistent Presence and Emerging Chronic Hazard," is available [here](#).

Requested Action: Informational presentation.

Lead: Sam Miller, USGS

Materials: Presentation, [Paper](#)

III. **TCPP Outcome Indicator 2025 Update** (1:40 – 2:00)

Petra will present on the latest data update completed in 2025 for the Toxic Contaminants Policy and Prevention (TCPP) Outcome Indicator. The Indicator identifies the percentage of Chesapeake Bay tidal segments that were fully or partially impaired by toxic contaminants based on data from tidal jurisdictions' Clean Water Act Section 303(d) listings as reported in their biennial Integrated Reports.

Requested Action: Informational presentation.

Lead: Petra Baldwin, TCW Staffer

Materials: Presentation, [2025 Indicator Snapshot](#), [Indicator Map Viewer](#)

IV. **Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Indicator Discussion** (2:00 – 2:25)

Building off the previous presentation, TCW leadership will lead a discussion with the workgroup about potential future Indicator(s) that can be utilized to assess progress towards the new, combined Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Outcome. This is an initial discussion to solicit feedback and ideas from the workgroup and will continue as guidance on Management Strategies and other partnership changes with the revised *Watershed Agreement* are solidified. Please consider the below questions ahead of the meeting:

- Do you find value in the [current TCPP Indicator](#)? If so, how?
- Are there any limitations or issues with the current TCPP Indicator you would like to see improved if it continues to be used (e.g. scale, data source, frequency, etc.)?
- How could the workgroup track information sharing? Do we need to track this quantitatively?
- Do you find value in the PCB and Mercury [Geonarratives](#)? If so, how?

- What other Indicators or tools could be utilized? (This is a time for change, so all ideas are welcome!)

Requested Action: Informational, for discussion.

Lead: Tony Timpano (TCW Co-Chair), Keith Bollt (TCW Coordinator) and Petra Baldwin (TCW Staffer)

Materials: N/A

V. **Wrap-Up** (2:25 – 2:30)
Lead: Petra Baldwin, TCW Staffer

VI. **Adjourn** (2:30)

Next Meeting: [April 8, 2026](#)

Announcements & Recent Publications

- **Recent Publication:** [Using Long-Term Trends of PCBs in Fish Caught in Maryland Waters to Assess the Effectiveness of Management Actions](#) | ACS ES&T Water
- **STAC Call for At-Large Members** nominations accepted through Monday, March 16th. Please consider submitting a nomination or sharing this solicitation with others who may be interested and well-suited to contribute to STAC's work. Questions may be directed to Meg Cole, STAC Coordinator, at colem@chesapeake.org. Learn more and submit your nomination [here](#).
- The **February 2026 WQGIT Quarterly Newsletter** is available [here](#). If you would like to receive the newsletter, [sign up here](#). This will be transitioning to the Clean Water Goal Team Newsletter in the next edition and will aim to feature more content related to the Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Outcome.

Do you have a recent publication, report, announcement or news to share? Send it to Petra (Baldwin.Petra@epa.gov) to be included in the next agenda and a future TCW meeting.