



Chesapeake Bay Program

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Toxic Contaminants Workgroup

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

1:00 – 2:00 PM

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Purpose: This is the monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Toxic Contaminants Workgroup (TCW), which included a decision to support the Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Outcome sub-chapter of the Clean Water Management Strategy for recommendation to the CWGT.

Minutes

I. Welcome and Announcements

Lead: Tony Timpano, TCW Co-Chair

Tony welcomed meeting participants and give an overview of today's agenda.

Decisions:

1. TCW members approved the [June 2026 TCW Meeting Minutes.](#)

II. TEC Management Strategy

Lead: Tony Timpano, TCW Co-Chair and Keith Bollt, TCW Coordinator

Tony and Keith walked through the draft of the Toxic and Emerging Contaminants (TEC) subchapter for the Clean Water Goal Management Strategy, highlighting changes from previous drafts with feedback from TCW members received in July-August 2026 incorporated. TCW conditionally approved the TEC subchapter during the meeting, with additional support received via email from missing members.

Decisions:

1. TCW gave consent support for the Toxic and Emerging Contaminants Outcome sub-chapter of the Clean Water Management Strategy to be recommended to the CWGT.

Materials: [Draft TEC Management Strategy Sub-Chapter](#)

III. General Announcements and Update

Lead: TCW Leadership

Keith shared information on timeline and expectations for Management Strategy and Workplan development ahead. Tony gave an overview of the October TCW meeting agenda, including a

request for Workplan Activity suggestions from members. Petra shared additional announcements (see bottom of [agenda](#)).

Actions:

1. TCW members should prepare to share at the October 14th TCW meeting an idea for one Action that you or your jurisdiction would support that contributes to each Management Approach. Actions can be broad for now and could include existing programs or proposed activities for the group to consider. The objective of the October 14th TCW meeting is to brainstorm potential workplan actions, so we will have a round robin followed by group discussion. As reference materials, refer to the [workplan template](#), [workplan example](#) (with an imaginary outcome), the [TCW 2025-2026 Research Work Plan](#) and the [draft TEC Management Strategy sub-chapter](#). The 3 draft Management Approaches in TCW's scope are listed below.
 - [2.2.1]: Share information on the occurrence, sources and effects of toxic contaminants, including emerging contaminants.
 - [2.2.2]: Synthesize and share research on the efficacy of mitigation practices and communicate the toxic contaminant reduction co-benefits of nutrient and sediment-focused best management practices.
 - [2.2.3]: Strengthen collaborative connections across the Chesapeake Bay Program and engage new partners and practitioners beyond CBWA signatories.
2. The National Fish and Shellfish Call is having their next meeting Monday, September 14th focused on PFAS in fish. If you're with a jurisdiction and interested in joining, reach out to Katie Davis (davis.katie@epa.gov).

Discussion:

- John Cargill, DNREC asked for clearer guidance on what should be shared since the management approaches are very broad.
 - Tony responded that an activity for Management Approach 2.2.1 could include an example of an existing program that either generates information, synthesizes information, or is a data source that we can use to synthesize information.
 - John asked how this Management Approach is different than the current Indicator.
 - Tony responded it doesn't necessarily have to be different than the Indicator, but that is one example of a way that we can take existing data and then synthesize it and provide value and information to members and the public. Any data or activity to support an update to the [2012 Report](#) is another example.
 - Keith added that the TCW venue is a place where that reporting can happen too, so think about actions that you would support in terms of participation in the workgroup. For example, all members commit to an annual presentation. An action should be something that you would be comfortable committing to on behalf of your signatory EC member.
 - Tony added for Management Approach 2.2.2, if there's any implementation studies or anything in the ground with direct evaluation of efficacy that would be great. For Management Approach 2.2.3, consider what sharing of scientific papers and developments could look like and how to materialize it into something tangible, regular and accountable.

- Katie Davis, EPA OW shared that the National Fish and Shellfish call is having their next meeting Monday, September 14th focused on PFAS in fish. If you're with a jurisdiction and interested in joining, reach out to Katie (davis.katie@epa.gov).

IV. **Wrap-Up & Adjourn**

Lead: Petra Baldwin, TCW Staffer

Next Meeting: October 14th, 2026 from 1-3pm - Workplan Work Session

Attendees:

Tony Timpano, VADEQ (TCW Co-Chair)
 Keith Bollt, EPA CBPO (TCW Coordinator)
 Petra Baldwin, CRC (TCW Staffer)
 John Cargill, DNREC
 Kofi Asante, DC DOEE
 Len Schugam, MDE
 Cass Klingaman, NYS DEC
 Josh Lookenbill, PADEP
 Mitch McAdoo, WVDEP
 Marel King, CBC
 Katie Davis, EPA

Anna Robuck, EPA
 Richard Ortt, MDNR
 Anthony Cario, VADEQ
 Nick Murray, WVDEP
 Suzanne Trevena, EPA R3
 John Healey, EPA
 Kelly Gable, EPA
 Tami Sundquist, EPA
 Erin Sonnenburg, CRC
 Kelly Doordan, Trash Free MD