

WWTWG Boat Pumpout BMP Small Group – Potential Jurisdictional Issues with the Boat Pumpout BMP

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Delaware

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Maryland

- There is not an easily available dataset for tracking waste removed using boat pumpouts.
 - It is voluntary to report the amount of pumpout usage at a marina.
 - Tracking would mainly be done through the MD DNR grant program.
- There is already a pumpout law in place in Maryland for larger marinas.
- Waste load that is removed from the Bay via boat pumpouts is already accounted for in the WWTP loads.
 - Waste from a marina is brought to a WWTP for disposal; therefore, the load is accounted for within the model.
 - If considering the loads associated with the boats that do not use the boat pumpout, then improvements to these load estimates need to be made.
- There is concern over assumptions made in the original document/report about the estimates of boat usage, loads associated with specific boat classes, and where this BMP would be applicable (no discharge zones)?
 - No discharge zones in the Bay watershed only occur in Anne Arundel County and the Chester River and its tributaries.
- The estimated size of the load reductions associated with this BMP are so small that it is hard to justify the amount of work that is required for establishing this BMP in the model.

New York

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Pennsylvania

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Virginia – 1/23/25

- The assumptions built into the methodology for estimating loads lead to errors in estimations that we should not introduce into the model.
- Representatives formerly involved in developing the expert panel report from the VA Dept. of Health (VDH), the VA Dept. of Environmental Quality (VADEQ), and local governments in Hampton Roads did not express interest in advocating for adopting the BMP for crediting purposes.
 - Municipal stakeholders felt pumpout loads were not significant enough to warrant implementation of the BMP for crediting, including the City of Virginia Beach, who proposed the initial BMP accounting methodology.
- Loads from boater pumpouts should be captured and reported by the receiving WWTP.

Washington D.C.

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West Virginia

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