Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

March 18th-19th Meeting Summary

Gettysburg, PA

Meeting materials: http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/22429/

ACTIONS & DECISIONS

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members recommended that the Poultry Litter report be moved forward to the WQGIT. Communication will emphasize that the poultry litter data is just one piece of the larger Scenario Builder, which will be reviewed by the full Partnership between October 2015 and October 2016.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the AMS' Phase 6.0 land use classification, with agreement that the relative land use loading rates will still need to be finalized.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the manure spread concept presented by the AMS. AMS will continue to test and refine the approach in the coming weeks.

ACTION: CSN is soliciting feedback from the sector workgroups on the technical approach for the toxics project and to identify any specific research or monitoring studies that could support the project. Comments and resources are requested to be sent to watershedguy@hotmail.com no later than Friday, March 27. Emma will provide Tom with the recommendations offered during the meeting and recorded in the meeting summary.

ACTION: The land use loading review group will present their preliminary recommendations to the AMS in late March, and the AgWG in early April.

ACTION: Agriculture Workgroup members are asked to provide comments on the WQGIT BMP protocol to Lucinda (power.lucinda@epa.gov) by April 30th.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the panel charge to the Phase 6.0 Nutrient Management Expert Panel with the minor edits suggested during the meeting.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the panel charge to the Phase 6.0 Manure Injection/Incorporation Expert Panel with the minor edits suggested during the meeting.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the panel charge to the Phase 6.0 Conservation Tillage Expert Panel with the minor edits suggested during the meeting.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the panel charge to the Phase 6.0 Cover Crop Expert Panel with the minor edits suggested during the meeting.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the Animal Waste Management Systems and Poultry Pads panel charge as presented.

ACTION: AgWG members will provide contact information for relevant programmatic contacts (for large scale livestock manure treatment systems) to Jeremy (jchanson@vt.edu; 410-267-5753) by end of the

month (Friday, 3/27). Other input or suggestions also welcome during that time. Jeremy will work directly with those contacts to gather necessary information or details pertaining to these large scale treatment systems. Jeremy will work with expert panel based on what he finds.

DECISION: Agriculture Workgroup members approved the following individuals to serve as chairs of Phase 6.0 expert panels: Curt Dell (manure injection and incorporation), Ken Staver (cover crops), Wade Thomason (conservation tillage) and Frank Coale (nutrient management).

ACTION: Agriculture Workgroup members will submit nominations for panel members for the Phase 6.0 cover crops, conservation tillage, manure injection/incorporation, and nutrient management Expert Panels. Nominees are due to egiese@chesapeakebay.net by COB April 3rd.

ACTION: The proposed charge and membership for each Expert Panel will be shared with the full Partnership for full review and comment. Final panel membership will be approved by the Workgroup prior to launching the Phase 6.0 Expert Panels in April and May.

ACTION: The BMP Credit Duration subgroup will have another call before the end of the month to resolve the highlighted sections of the spreadsheet. Resource Improvement BMPs will be added to the spreadsheet with durations already defined by the technical panel. Agriculture Workgroup approval of the final credit durations will be requested over email by Mar 31.

ACTION: The Agriculture Workgroup will request the Modeling Workgroup to specifically set up within the airshed model a component for near atmospheric deposition from agriculture.