

Joint Data Integrity and Integrated Networks Workgroups Meeting

November 18th, 10am-3pm

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) Mathias Lab, Room 1013/15 Conference Line: (866) 299-3188, Code: 267-985-6222

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Meeting Webpage:

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AGENDA

10:00 AM <u>Welcome, Introductions, Announcements</u> – Bruce Michael (MDNR) and Peter Tango (USGS/CBPO) – Chair of DIWG and Coordinator of INWG, respectively

10:15 AM <u>Introduction to the New SERC Lab</u> – Kristen Minogue (SERC)

10:30 AM Coordinated Split Sample – Mike Mallonee (ICPRB/CBPO)

- Mainstem Split Sample Data (August 2014-August 2015)
- Tributary Split Sample Data (September 2014-September 2015)

10:50 AM MDL Calculation Procedure

The workgroups will review the existing procedure for Method Detection Limits (MDL) and DIWG comments to the February 19th Federal Register 40 CRF Part 136 – Clean Water Act Methods Update Rule for the Analysis of Effluent.

11:05 AM Overview of Citizen Science and Nontraditional Partnership Cooperative Agreement – Peter Tango (USGS/CBPO)

Peter will introduce the discussion of the new integration of citizen science and nontraditional partnership cooperative agreement to support the process of integrating further monitoring efforts into a partnership data base for development of decision-making products.

11:15 AM 3-Tier Framework for the Integration of Citizen Science and Nontraditional Partnership data into CBP Monitoring – Ann Mathis (Alliance)

Anna will introduce the proposed 3-Tier framework for monitoring data quality for the integration of new data into the CBP Partnership.

11:35 AM <u>Tier 3 Citizen Science and Nontraditional partnership Sampling Protocol for DO Criteria</u> Assessment Data – Caroline Donovan (UMCES/IAN)

Caroline will briefly highlight the sampling protocol for Tier 3 (highest quality) dissolved oxygen data.

11:45 AM Nontidal Benthic Macroinvertebrate Indicator – Claire Buchanan (ICPRB)

The benthic indicator will serve as one driver to determine how much standardization among state agencies is needed to merge the data into a Bay-wide indicator. ICPRB staff are developing a flexible approach to analyzing benthic data that accommodates different enumeration protocols (taxonomic levels, minimum cell counts, etc.).

12:30 PM Lunch

1:45 PM Nontidal WQ Network Sampling Procedure (final)

The Workgroups will be directed to the revised nontidal water quality network sampling procedure.

1:55 PM Maryland Phytoplankton Sampling and Enumeration Protocols – Bruce Michael (MDNR)

Bruce Michael will review the new design for the phytoplankton monitoring network and enumeration protocols for the reinstatement of a subsect of the historical MD phytoplankton monitoring network. Sampling is planned to start in 2016.

2:30 PM Continuous Monitoring Strategy: Continued – Peter Tango

Peter will review the discussion on continuous monitoring from the previous INWG meeting and lead the group into a continued discussion on a strategy for continuous monitoring for the CBP Partnership Monitoring Networks.

3:00 PM Adjourn