

March 6, 2014

Dear AMQAW committee members:

The next meeting of the Analytical Methods and Quality Assurance Workgroup (AMQAW) of the Chesapeake Bay Program Scientific and Technical Analysis and Reporting (STAR) will be Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the at USGS in Baltimore, MD. The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For remote participation please use the conference line number **(866) 299-3188, code 267-985-6222** and adobe connect link <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/amqaw> (enter as guest). A draft agenda is attached. If you have any additions to the agenda, please bring them to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Bruce Michael
AMQAW Chair

AGENDA

**Analytical Methods & Quality Assurance Workgroup (AMQAW)
USGS MD-DE-DC Water Science Center, Baltimore Office
Thursday, March 13, 2014
10:00a - 3:00p**

Announcements

- A new Chesapeake Bay Agreement is drafted and available for public comment. See CBP website at www.chesapeakebay.net/watershedagreement.
- National Water Quality Monitoring Council Conference, Apr 28–May 2, 2014, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Restore America's Estuaries 7th National Summit, Nov 1–6, 2014, Gaylord National Convention Center, Washington D.C.
- STAR release of a New Insights Report on Improvements to Chesapeake Bay Water Quality http://ian.umces.edu/pdfs/ian_report_439.pdf

CBP Tidal and Non Tidal Network FFY '14 Funding

B. Michael

AMQAW Workplan Priorities – New items for 2014

All

- Building and Sustaining Integrated Networks (BASIN)
- Discussion on modifying existing monitoring design
- Expanding citizens monitoring programs

Comparison of USGS and CBP Continuous Monitoring

Joe Bell

LUNCH

Revisions to CBP Analytical Methods

Mary Ellen Ley

- TSS & VSS methods; Max. holding time for field-filtered pads
- Alkaline persulfate digestion revisions
- Particulate Carbon/ Particulate Nitrogen
 - High PC (dry) filter blanks

DUET Questions

M. Ley, M. Mallonee

- Field blanks and Source water blanks
- Consistency checks: Determining “analytical precision”

Coordinated Split Sample Program

Mike Mallonee

- August, November & February Mainstem
- September & December Tributary Results

USGS Reference Sample Program

Lea Rubin

- Fall 2013 Results

Blind Audit Program Update

Jerry Frank

Potential Evolution of STAR Workgroups

All

Supplemental materials: [Re-Alignment of STAR Workgroups in 2014](#)