

**Chesapeake Bay Program's BMP Verification Program Development Update:
CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
January 14, 2013 Conference Call**

BMP Verification Review Panel Met in Person

On December 6, the Partnership's BMP Verification Review Panel met in person for the first time, received detailed briefings on each of the six workgroups' draft BMP verification protocols, procedures for ensuring full access to federal cost share conservation practice data, and procedures for eliminating double counting.

The Panel members provided extensive feedback to the Partnership's Workgroup chairs and coordinators during the course of the meeting. The Panel set its next face to face meeting for March 12-13 timeframe.

All the advance briefing materials, meeting presentations, and the latest versions of the six workgroups' BMP verification protocols presented and discussed at the Panel's December 6th meeting are posted online at: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18952/>

The December Panel meeting narrative summary is being reviewed by Panel members and will be finalized and posted on the above web page by mid-January.

CBP BMP Verification Review Panel Web Page Posted

As a reminder, CBPO staff have set up a web page on the CBP Partnership's web site devoted to the Panel at:

http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/bmp_verification_review_panel

Partners can access all the materials distributed to, presented to, and generated by the Panel through this web page. Short bios for each of the Panel members are also accessible via this web page.

Key Next Steps Through Spring 2013 Focused on Finalizing Verification Protocols

The **six source sector and habitat restoration workgroups** will be focused on continued development and refinement of their draft BMP verification protocols heading towards completion of final protocol by the end of January 2013.

The **BMP Verification Committee** will continue its focus on working on finalizing elements of the larger BMP verification framework beyond the verification protocols, including a focus on the next draft version of the BMP verification communications strategy and the level of verification documentation required from jurisdictions during its January 22 conference call.

The **BMP Verification Committee's** February 21 face to face meeting will be focused on working with the workgroup chairs and coordinators on finalizing the workgroups' verification protocols along with the other components of the basinwide BMP verification framework.

The **BMP Review Panel** will conduct its second and final review of the full suite of the six workgroups' revised draft BMP verification during the Panel's mid-March face to face meeting.

The BMP Verification Committee and BMP Verification Review Panel Chairs will brief the **Water Quality Goal Implementation Team** on all the components of the basinwide BMP verification framework during the Team's March 11 conference call.

The **Management Board** will be briefed on all the components of the basinwide BMP verification framework during the Board's March 13 meeting.

During the March – April timeframe, BMP verification briefings will be scheduled for the **Habitat Goal Implementation Team** and the Partnership's three advisory committees—**Scientific and Technical Advisory, Citizens Advisory, and Local Government Advisory committees**.

The **Management Board** will hear the collective feedback from the briefings of the three advisory committees during its April 10 conference call and (or) May 8 meeting.

At its May meeting, the **Principals' Staff Committee** will be briefed on all the components of the basinwide BMP verification framework and asked for final approval on behalf of the larger Partnership.