

**Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Goal Implementation Team  
Advance Briefing Material  
February 8, 2010 Conference Call**

**ATTACHMENT C**

**Water Quality Goal Team Updates**

**Water Quality Goal Team Conference Call Schedule**

- Rescheduling the February 22 conference call to March 1 to ensure Phase 5.3 watershed model scenario outputs can be delivered to members in advance
- Adding a new March 15 conference call to the schedule in preparation for the team's early April face to face meeting:
  - Review of the expanded draft meeting agenda and desired outcomes
  - Review additional Phase 5.3 watershed scenario outputs run following feedback/direction from the March 1 conference call
  - Direction to WPD/CBPO staff on additional materials to be prepared for the April face to face meeting
- CBPO staff will share an updated Team conference call schedule through December 2010 as part of the advance briefing materials for the April WQGIT face to face meeting

**Water Quality Goal Team Face to Face Meeting**

- Based on extensive feedback on members availability in late March to early April, we have scheduled the next face-to-face meeting for Monday-Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- We are looking for meeting facilities in West Virginia panhandle to enable our PA colleagues to overnight in PA given strict travel restrictions and our VA colleagues to travel rapidly to their VMI sponsored VA Environment conference, with the option for locating the meeting in southern PA if we can locate a meeting facility for those dates
- For members who have irresolvable conflicts, please plan to send a representative from your agency/institution to voice your concerns, provide input and participate in the shared decision making as this will be the key meeting leading directly to the late April Principals' Staff Committee meeting

**Bay TMDL Staff Following a Week by Week Schedule**

- Your devoted Bay TMDL staff, drawing from the best and brightest of EPA Region 3 Water Protection Division (yeah, this includes Koroncai!!), EPA Office of Water (aka Mike Haire), TetraTech (Andrew Parker and his team) and Chesapeake Bay Program Office colleagues, are using a week by week schedule out through December 21, 2010 to set their daily and weekly work priorities

- These Philadelphia, HQ, TetraTech and Annapolis colleagues meet every Tuesday morning at 10AM in Rich Batiuk's office as part of the infamous "From Here to Eternity" Team to work through a pre-defined set of topics and issues and review the week-by-week schedule: what was accomplished in the past week, what's overdue, and what's ahead in the coming weeks (Their secret to success? Access to Batiuk's 4 bottomless candy bowls during meetings and Dunkin Donut Munkins delivered every Monday morning!)

### **Draft List of "Deliverables" for the April PSC Meeting**

- See Attachment D for a proposed list of Bay TMDL related deliverable to the Principals' Staff Committee for their review, response and decision at their April meeting

### **Quick Updates on Key Work Products**

- The **Phase 5.3 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model** is (FINALLY) in the final stages of calibration, scheduled for completion by February 14 (aka Valentine's Day)...yes, calibration does not stop over the weekends, thanks to the efforts of Jeff Sweeney, Sucharith Ravi, Guido Yactayo, Ning Zhou, Peter Claggett, Fred Irani, Mike Barnes, Jing Wu and Gary Shenk!
- The Phase 5.3 calibration of the Chesapeake Bay Water Quality/Sediment Transport Model is scheduled for calibration by March 15 (30 days following delivery of the Phase 5.3 input decks), in time to generate the scenarios needed for the April WQGIT's face to face meeting
- Version 2.2 of the **Scenario Builder** will be completed and ready for application by February 17—this is the version that will enable the Annapolis CBPO Water Quality and Modeling Teams to generate scenario input decks in very short order [hours vs. weeks]
- Work is underway on refining the **scenario definitions** and input deck details for the No Action, E3 and Tributary Strategy scenarios based on input from the jurisdictions as a result of the Phase 5.2 watershed model outputs
- The **first round of scenarios** (see below) will be run through the Phase 5.3 watershed model starting on February 18<sup>th</sup> in preparation for Virginia's February 26<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting and the WQGIT's rescheduled March 1<sup>st</sup> conference call
- Revisions to the **Bay TMDL web site** along with the comprehensive public meeting questions and answers are going live the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The CAP Workgroup is moving forward with drafting of the **2010 Bay Criteria Addendum** (pending decisions and feedback from the WQGIT team at the February 8<sup>th</sup> conference call).

- Work is proceeding by TetraTech and the Bay TMDL Team's contributing source material experts towards a March 15 first draft of the **Bay TMDL document** for WQGIT team review.
- Bob Koroncai, Lewis Linker and Kathleen Anderson are meeting with EPA Office of Air colleagues on February 8-9 on hammering out details on reaching agreement on a proposed set of **air deposition load allocations** for presentation and discussion at the April PSC meeting.
- Final STAC-sponsored **independent peer review** of the Bay Water Quality/Sediment Transport Model's SAV/water clarity sub-model scheduled for the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- EPA is assembling its **watershed implementation plan evaluation teams** and plans to complete development, in March, of a set of criteria for evaluating the jurisdictions draft watershed implementation plans starting with the June 1<sup>st</sup> submissions. The evaluation criteria will be shared in advance with the jurisdictions.

#### **Planned Phase 5.3 Watershed Model Scenarios in Order of Priority**

- 2010 No Action (for rerun of allocation methodology Phase 5.3 WSM outputs)
- 2010 E3 (for rerun of allocation methodology with Phase 5.3 WSM outputs)
- 2008 Progress
- 1985 Progress
- VA EPIL 2017 based on 2010 land use (for VA's 2/26 SAG mtg)
- Tributary Strategy
- 1985 No Action (at NY's and EPA Region 2's request)
- 1985 E3 (at NY's and EPA Region 2's request)
- Scenarios requested by the WQGIT members in preparation for the April meeting

#### **Planned Bay Water Quality/Sediment Transport Model Scenarios**

- The Bay TMDL Team is developing a set of recommended Bay WQ/ST model scenarios in order of priority for running and will present those recommended scenarios at WQGIT's March 1 conference call for review and approval