Chesapeake Bay Program's BMP Verification Program Development Update:
CBP Management Board
November 14, 2012 Meeting

CBP BMP Verification Review Panel Convened
The CBP Partnership's Management Board approved the BMP Verification Committee's 13 recommended nominees for Panel membership on September 13. Invitational letters, under Nick DiPasquale's signature as Management Board chair, were emailed out to each of the 13 Panel member nominees on September 18th. All 13 invited Panel members accepted their respective invitation to join the Panel. The final list of Panel members and their affiliations is as follows:

Dr. Curtis Dell	U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service University Park, Pennsylvania
Mike Gerel	Sustainable Northwest Portland, Oregon
Tim Gieseke	Ag Resource Strategies New Ulm, Minnesota
Rebecca Hanmer	Chesapeake Bay Program Citizens Advisory Committee Fredericksburg, Virginia
Dr. Dianna Hogan	U.S. Geological Survey Eastern Geographic Science Center Reston, Virginia
Richard Klein	Community and Environmental Defense Services Owings Mills, Maryland
Dr. Andrew Sharpley	University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas
Dr. Tom Simpson	Watershed Stewardship Annapolis, Maryland
Dr. Gordon Smith	Wildlife Works Carbon LLC Mill Valley, California
Rebecca Stack	District of Columbia Department of Environment Washington, DC
Dr. Robert Traver	Villanova University's Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dana York	Green Earth Connection Centreville, Maryland
Dan Zimmerman	Warwick Township Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

BMP Verification Review Panel Met Via Conference Call
On October 12, the Partnership's BMP Verification Review Panel met for the first time, received detailed briefings on the Partnership and its BMP verification development efforts to data, and discussed the draft BMP verification principles.

CBP BMP Verification Review Panel Web Page Posted
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.

BMP Verification Committee Signs Off on Draft Verification Principles
During its October 31 conference call, the BMP Verification Committee discussed and responded to comments and feedback from the BMP Verification Review Committee and Water Quality Goal Implementation Team members on the draft BMP Verification principles. The Committee agreed to forward the draft verification principles onto the Management Board (Novermber 14 meeting) for their review, comment and approval to forward on to the Principals' Staff Committee (December 5 meeting).

BMP Verification Committee Updates Schedule Through June 2013
During its October 31 conference call, the BMP Verification Committee made adjustments to the Partnership's verification schedule and added specific dates for the key meetings of the Principals' Staff Committee, Management Board, BMP Verification Review Panel, and BMP Verification Committee.

Key Next Steps Through January 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 primary focus of the **BMP Review Panel** in the coming months will be on reviewing and providing detailed feedback to the workgroups on their draft verification protocols. Review of the workgroups' draft protocols is the primary objective of the Panel's December 6th face to face meeting.

The **BMP Verification Committee** will be focused on working on finalizing elements of the larger BMP verification framework beyond the verification protocols—ensuring full access to federal cost shared practices (November 26 conference call), eliminating double counting (November 26), and verification communications strategy (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.