Basinwide Chesapeake Bay BMP Verification Framework

Proposed Next Steps and Overall Schedule

November 12, 2013
CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team Conference Call

Progress Since Last Spring

- March 13 BMP Verification Committee meetings focused an in-depth review of all 8 components of the basinwide verification framework, with a focus on the workgroup's protocol
- July 1 delivery of complete draft BMP verification protocols by all six source sector workgroups
- July 15 delivery of a complete draft "Strengthening Verification of Best Management Practices in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: A Basinwide Framework" report to the Panel and Committee
- August 28-29 BMP Verification Review Panel meeting focused on an in-depth review of all 8 components of the basinwide verification framework, with a focus on the workgroup's protocol
- September: Panel members working on suite of Panel products and recommendations
- October 31 and November 1 Panel conference calls[1]

Next Steps

- Finalize the August 28-29 Panel meeting summary and post on-line (completed)
- Make requested changes to the Panel's suite of products:
    - Comments on and recommendations for enhancing the workgroup's draft BMP verification protocols;
    - General guidance to the source sector technical workgroups and jurisdictions;
    - Verification programs design matrix and supporting narrative;
    - State protocol components checklist; and
    - Checklist for development of cost-shared and non-cost shared verification programs (ongoing).
- Distribute Panel's products along with the August meeting summary to BMP Verification Committee members, workgroup chairs, and workgroup coordinators along with specific instructions/schedule to the workgroups for revising their current draft BMP verification protocols (week of Nov 18).
- Schedule a conference call between Dana York, BMP Verification Review Panel chair, and the six source sector workgroup chairs and coordinators to discuss the Panel's feedback and recommendations.
- Schedule a meeting of the BMP Verification Committee where Dana York can walk the Committee members through the Panel's feedback and recommendations.

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[1] Federal government shut-down delayed the Panel's follow up conference calls originally scheduled for early and mid-October.

Completing Work on the Framework

November TBD, 2013: BMP Verification Review Panel Chair conference call with Workgroup Chairs and Coordinators (Agriculture, Forestry, Urban Stormwater, Wastewater Treatment, Wetlands, and Streams)

December TBD, 2013: BMP Verification Committee meeting

February 1, 2014: Request submission of revised BMP verification protocols/guidance from source sector workgroups

March 1, 2014: BMP Verification Review Panel members complete their review of the workgroups' revised BMP verification protocols/guidance

March/April 2014: Joint meeting of the BMP Verification Review Panel and the BMP Verification Committee to finalize the basinwide BMP verification framework and all its components

Framework Review Process

April – August 2014
  ➢ CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
  ➢ CBP Habitat Goal Implementation Team
  ➢ CBP Fisheries Goal Implementation Team
  ➢ CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
  ➢ CBP Citizen Advisory Committee
  ➢ CBP Local Government Advisory Committee
  ➢ CBP Management Board

Framework Approval

September/October 2014
  ➢ CBP Principals' Staff Committee

Review of Jurisdictions' Proposed Verification Programs

Fall/Winter 2014: Jurisdictions complete development of their enhanced BMP tracking, verification, and reporting programs and provide expanded documentation through their existing quality assurance plans

Spring/Summer 2015: CBP BMP Verification Review Panel meets with the jurisdictions and review their proposed enhanced BMP tracking, verification, and reporting programs

Approval of Jurisdictions' Proposed Verification Programs

Fall/Winter 2015: CBP BMP Verification Review Panel presents the Principals' Staff Committee with its recommendations on the jurisdictions' proposed enhanced BMP tracking, verification, and reporting programs