

Where We are with Implementation of the Partnership's Basinwide BMP Verification Framework

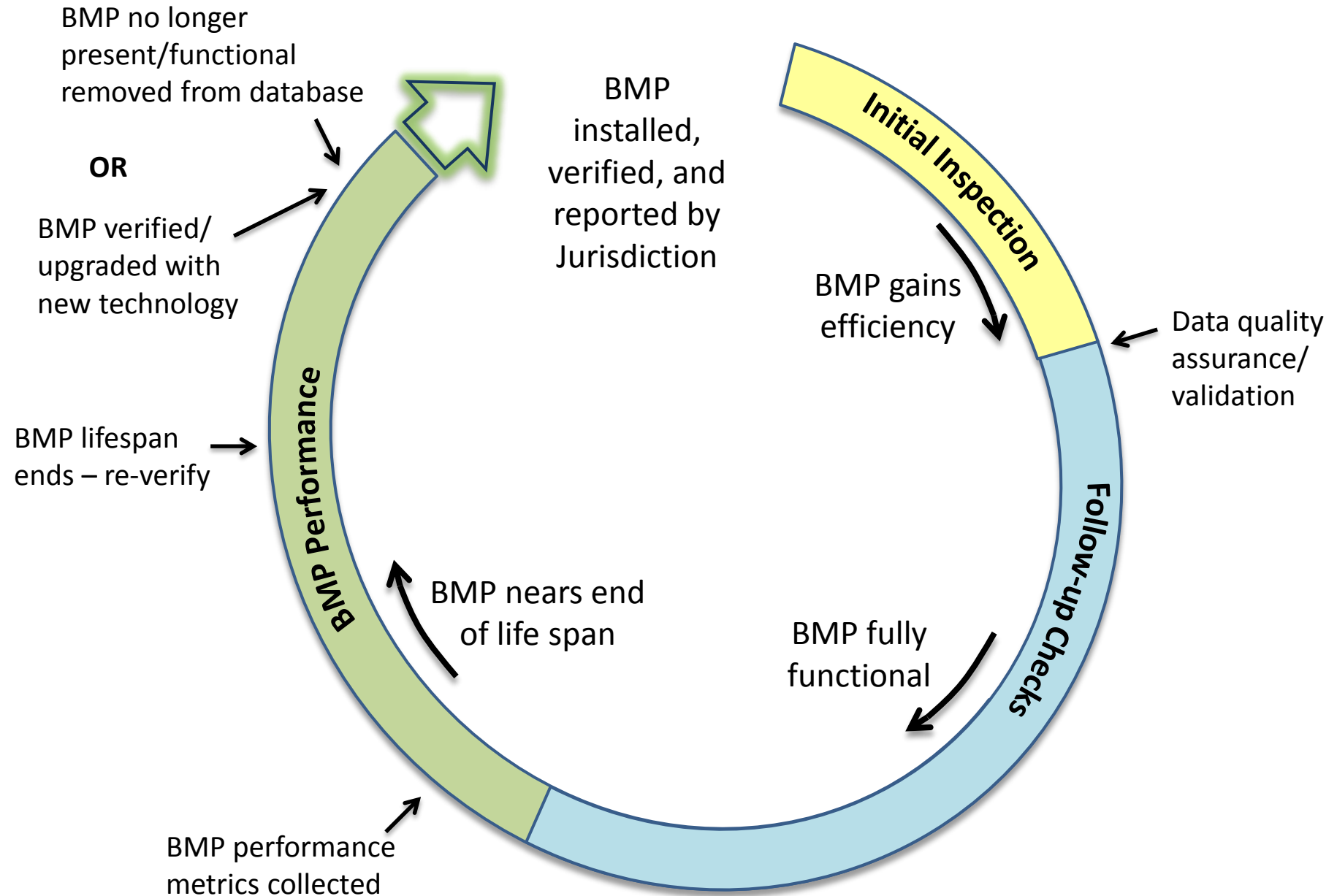
CBP Partnership's Principals' Staff Committee

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BMP Verification Life Cycle



Accomplishments Since the Sept 2015 PSC Mtg

- ✓ BMP Verification Review Panel provided final comments, findings, and recommendations
- ✓ Jurisdictions submitted their revised draft BMP verification program plans in November
- ✓ EPA approved or conditionally approved the jurisdictions' program plans in January
 - Maryland, District plans approved
 - Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia plans conditionally approved

Current Status/Next Steps

- Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia resubmitted final revised draft plans
- Virginia requested more time
- EPA teams reviewing how revised draft program addressed the remaining major comments
- Objective is to get remaining jurisdictions' plans approved this spring and turn Partnership focus towards 2-year ramp period and next round of challenges

Challenges to Full Framework Implementation

- **Resources** to ensure verification of private and public investments without taking away from delivery of practices, technical assistance
- How to get the full array of **implementation partners**—federal facilities, NGOs, municipalities, and many more—integrating verification into their delivery programs

Challenges to Full Framework Implementation

- Verification of **nutrient management** beyond the presence of an approved plan
- Continuing to develop **smarter, more innovative, and less resource intensive** verification protocols through the Partnership

Request for Decision/Direction

Direction Requested: Principals' Staff Committee agreement on take on and work to solve these recognized challenges to full implementation of the basinwide framework

Direction Requested: Charge the BMP Verification Committee to work collaboratively to bring forward viable, yet innovative options for solutions to these recognized challenges over the next two years

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