

ACTION: The 2017 WIP Outcome statement has been revised to state (changes in red): "Have practices in place by 2017 that **are expected to** achieve 60 percent of the **load** reductions necessary to achieve applicable water quality standards compared to 2009 levels." WQGIT members are asked to review this language and submit any questions and comments to Larry Merrill (Merrill.Larry@epa.gov) and Lucinda Power (Power.Lucinda@epa.gov) by February 1, 2013. An approved 2017 WIP Outcome statement will be shared with the Management Board at their February 2013 meeting; depending on the date of the Management Board meeting, we will affirm the update on the WQGIT February 11, 2013 call or, as necessary, forward the agreed language via email consensus (unless there is significant comment against).

Follow Up: The following gaps were identified by the Management Board and other Bay Partners in the Water Quality Goals and Outcomes statement: toxic contaminants and agriculture. As I noted at the end of the call, I had meant to highlight these during the goal statement discussion. A brief summary from the Chesapeake Bay EO on these subjects is as follows:

Toxic Contaminants: EPA, DOI and NOAA will work with state and local governments and stakeholders to expand understanding of the extent and seriousness of the toxic contaminant problem in the Bay and its watershed and to develop contaminant reduction goals by 2013.

Agriculture: Work with the producers to apply new conservation practices on 4 million acres of working agricultural lands in high priority watershed by 2025 to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.