

Proposed Q/A to be inserted under “Specific Questions for Stormwater Retrofits” Section

New Q34: I am restoring a BMP that was not previously reported to the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) and was implemented before the end of the CBP Watershed Model calibration period. Can it still be considered a new retrofit and receive credit based on the removal rate and total treatment volume?

A: CBP can only give credit for the impact of additional actions that were implemented after the end of the WSM calibration period. That is because it is credited either implicitly or explicitly in the CBP Watershed Model as part of the calibration process, regardless of whether a BMP was reported to CBP. Restored BMPs that were originally implemented prior to the end of the calibration period can only receive credit for the incremental increase in removal rate and/or treatment capacity since the end of the calibration period, similar to the incremental credit that previously reported BMPs can receive for restoration.

Subsequent BMP expert panels have addressed the calibration issue, and guidelines from the CBP Modeling Workgroup is available on [slides 3-4](#). The WSM Phase 5.3.2 goes through December 31, 2005, and the Phase 6 calibration will go through December 31, 2013.