



Trading and Offsets Workgroup

Conference Call

Wednesday, November 19th, 2014

10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Announcements -- *David Foster, Chair*

Verify participants -- *David Wood, CRC*

MPA Detailed Schedule -- *David Wood*

- David briefly reviewed the detailed Mid-Point Assessment [schedule](#) put together following the WQGIT's October meeting. He asked the workgroup to send him (Wood.DavidM@epa.gov) any critical path issues by COB Wednesday, November 26th.

Tracking and Accounting for New Loads -- *Pat Gleason and Olivia Devereux*

- Pat and Olivia presented an approach to track and account for new sector load growth for new nutrient and sediment loads within the Bay Watershed.
- For more information, please see their [presentation](#).

Discussion:

- Ridge Hall (Chesapeake Legal Alliance): Jurisdictions will need to have effective offset programs in place. While Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland all have some type of program, they vary in their extensiveness. What is EPA's plan for getting all jurisdictions an offsets program in place? Can you update us on the technical memorandum (TM) schedule so the states will know when to expect clarification on what EPA expectations are?
 - Gleason: While some states have programs in place, others have said they will address offsets on a case-by-case basis. While all states at least have something in place, it is part of an ongoing discussion because if growth is occurring, they must be able to address it. A draft of the "certification and verification" TM has gone out for comment, and we are currently looking at those comments and following up on them. It will be finalized in 4-6 weeks. The "baseline" TM will be sent to EPA headquarters and USDA in the next few days, and jurisdictions should expect to receive it in mid-December and have until mid-January to comment. The January Trading and Offsets Workgroup meeting might be the time to discuss the "baseline" TM. There are several other TMs being discussed as well at the moment. "Interstate trading" and "net improvement offset" TMs are on hold, "MS4" and "construction" will not move forward until the new year at the earliest.
- George Van Heutvan (RTI): Can you give more of an explanation of NEIEN?
 - Devereux: NEIEN is the National Environmental Information Exchange Network and it is where jurisdictions report their BMP data to the Bay Program. It has the capability to accept a wide range of data beyond just the mandatory data.

Jurisdiction Roundtable updates -- *Pat Gleason*

- DC: No updates
- DE: No updates
- MD: In process of finalizing regulations for agricultural nutrient and sediment credit certification program.
- NY: No updates

- PA: No updates
- VA: Expanded nutrient trading regulations were signed by governor on November 18th.
- WV: No updates

Future Planning

- David asked for updates to the workgroup membership.

Adjourn

Next Teleconference

Wednesday, December 17th, 10 AM to 12 PM

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/calendar/event/21198/>

Call Participants

Member Name		Affiliation
Pat	Gleason	EPA (Coordinator)
David	Foster	Phoenix Initiatives (Chair)
John	Rhoderick	MDA (Co-Chair)
David	Wood	CRC, CBPO (Staff)
Susan	Payne	MDA
George	Kelly	Environmental Banc and Exchange LLC
Jennifer	Wall	DE DNREC
Patrick	Fanning	Virginia Nutrient Credit Exchange
Olivia	Devereux	Devereux Consulting
Megan	Thynge	EPA, CBPO
Lindsay	Dodd	MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts
George	Onyullo	DDOE
Jeff	Noland	
Ginny	Snead	The Louis Berger Group
Kim	Childe	PA DCNR
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Andy	Zemba	PA DEP
Steve	Gladding	NYSDEC
Nicki	Kasi	PA DEP
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Kelly	Gable	EPA
Brent	Walls	Upper Potomac Riverkeeper
Kelly	Dubay	TetraTech
Kim	Snell-Zarcone	Conservation PA
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