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**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
**Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)**  
**Conference Call**  
Thursday, May 5, 2022  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
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### **Agenda**

**10:00 AM – Introductions and Announcements** – Vanessa Van Note, EPA

- Approval of March Meeting Minutes. April meeting minutes will be sent out soon – Vanessa Van Note, EPA
- 2021 Progress Finalization and the Reducing Pollution Indicator – Vanessa Van Note, EPA
- Other announcements

**10:15 AM – BMP Summary Report Suggestions** – Vanessa Van Note, EPA

Cassie will ask for approval for the BMP summary report suggestions proposed during the March and April Meetings:

- Create a separate category for Narrow Forest Buffers and Narrow Grass Buffers
- Split out Land Retirement into Land Retirement to Open Space and Land Retirement to Pasture
- Create two separate categories for Barnyard Runoff Control and Loafing Lot Management

**Decision Requested:** Approve proposed changes to the BMP Summary Report in CAST.

**10:30 AM – Construction Acres (with focus on Solar Field Reporting)** - Vanessa Van Note, EPA

Solar fields are becoming more prevalent in the Bay watershed. The Bay Program would like to properly represent the conversion of forest or farmland to solar fields in the land use data informing Phase 7. For this reason, the LUWG would like to fully understand how jurisdictions are currently collecting and reporting solar field management and BMP data to the Bay Program.

- Broader question: What types of projects are included in reported construction? Is agricultural construction, like a poultry house, included in construction reported to the Bay Program?
- What time period is used for reporting construction? (Ex. Rolling three-year average, amount of NOI permits for that year)
  - How is interannual variation managed in the reporting?

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- Are jurisdictions reporting the construction of new solar fields as part of their annual “construction” acres and how (e.g., annual NOI permit acres, rolling average, etc.)?
- Are jurisdictions reporting stormwater management plans or stormwater BMPs more generally for solar fields?

11:15 AM – **Reviewing Scope and Purpose and the WTWG [orientation guide](#)** – Vanessa Van Note, EPA

Vanessa Van Note will review the Scope and Purpose of the WTWG and lead a discussion on whether any changes need to be made. They will also ask for feedback on how to best ensure productive and efficient meetings for the WTWG. In addition, they will briefly discuss the role of the WTWG in Phase 7 development.

12:00 PM – ***Meeting Adjourn***

***Next Meeting: June 2, 2022 from 10:00 to 12:00 PM***