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## **Media Briefing: Assessing Pollution Trends from Bay's Rivers**

*New Analysis Method Provides New Information;  
Lower Susquehanna Assessment Underway*

In a **conference call** on **Tuesday, January 15 at 3p.m.**, scientists with the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) will discuss current and forthcoming information on Chesapeake Bay pollution trends and current issues. The purpose of the call is to clarify three distinct but connected issues:

- 1) Annual pollution trends in the watershed and loads to the Bay
- 2) New enhancements to existing monitoring of pollution trends and how the new methods are changing what we see in nine major Bay rivers; and,
- 3) Ongoing assessment of sediment management strategies on the lower Susquehanna River.

Monitoring water quality conditions over time tells us how the Bay's health is changing in response to our land use decisions and management actions. Both the enhancement of our monitoring toolbox and the assessment will serve our ever-improving understanding and evaluation of loads of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment reaching the Chesapeake Bay.

**WHO:** Scott Phillips, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Program, USGS  
Joel Blomquist, Hydrologist, USGS  
Bruce Michael, Director, Resource Assessment Service, Maryland DNR  
Lee Currey, Director of Science Services Administration, MDE  
Rich Batiuk, Associate Director for Science, Chesapeake Bay Program, US EPA  
Gary Shenk, Analysis Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Program, US EPA

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 3 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Media should dial: 866.299.3188 Access code: 410 267 5731

*The Chesapeake Bay Program is a regional partnership that has coordinated and conducted the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay since 1983. Partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal government; the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia; the District of Columbia; the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a tri-state legislative body; and advisory groups of citizens, scientists and local government officials.*

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