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Dates highlighted in **Yellow** are 2021 Grant Guidance Deadlines.

Disclaimer: As with 2020 Progress, the finalization of 2021 Progress may be delayed due to unresolved issues surrounding the verification assessments. The schedule may need to be altered to accommodate the availability of jurisdictional representatives and/or to accommodate the delays mentioned above. The Bay Program Office Staff will attempt to stay on schedule and will update jurisdiction technical teams directly on progress. Updates on the schedule will be provided at the WTWG monthly meetings.

Update 11/5/2021: States received the NRCS aggregate dataset four days late due to USGS receiving the USDA dataset late. States are allowed a full month to review this data. For this reason, the final submission for nonpoint source BMP submissions has been pushed back to December 5th. In addition, all other key deadlines have been pushed back by the same amount of time. The December and January verification meetings and QAPP submission deadlines remain unchanged.

Update 01/06/2021: Dates highlighted in **green** have passed. Highlighted to show where we are in the schedule.

- 1) The final submission deadline for the **final progress run** is February 7th per the grant guidance. However, as with all other dates, this has been delayed to **February 11th** (the Friday of the same week).
- 2) The January 7th requested responses to the first progress evaluation documentation deadline has been **removed from the schedule** for the first evaluation due to data resubmissions and timing. A recap email of the December meetings has been sent to each state, but no further action is needed (unless follow up has been listed in **red** on the email). Documentation that will track communication between the states and the CBPO will be provided for the second and third evaluations/analyses.
- 3) The **QAPP edit deadline** of February 8th (from the grant guidance) has been delayed to **February 14th** to accommodate the USDA data delay. The Bay Office will aim to have the requested changes to states by January 14th.
4. The final progress evaluation documentation for the third evaluation (analysis conducted on the February 11th/final scenario run) provided by the CBPO to the jurisdictions has been shifted to **after all February meetings with jurisdictional teams have been conducted (to March 1st)**
5. The **formal verification letters sent to each jurisdiction from the Bay Office Director** has been **delayed to March 11th** to provide jurisdictions with sufficient time to react to the final meetings with the CBPO and the final progress evaluation documentation.

Data submissions and descriptions due for:	
1) permitted forest harvest acres, 2) continually disturbed and permitted construction acres – including estimates of any unpermitted	August 31

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acres, 3) CAFO/AFO animal splits by county within the CB Watershed, 4) nutrient concentrations in manure for poultry and swine	
Final requests for changes to the NEIEN Appendix due to the Watershed Technical Workgroup. The Watershed Technical Workgroup is responsible for approving the NEIEN Appendix and codes list by August 31 of the relevant model year.	August 31
Jurisdictions are encouraged to begin submitting their BMP implementation to NEIEN for the progress assessment. Ongoing review of submissions will occur between September and December, with the expectation that December 1 submissions are final.	September 1
Begin preparation of land use data, animal population data, etc.	September 1
Finalize NEIEN Appendix	September 1
NEIEN is available for Submissions	September 1
Updates to jurisdictions' BMP Verification Program Plans (i.e., Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)) due describing new data sources and changes to methods of tracking, reporting, and verification – that pertain to the data submitted for the 2021 Progress model assessment.	December 1
Final BMP submissions for the previous July 1 to June 30 data period due from jurisdictions for the 2021 Progress Phase 6 model assessment – both wastewater data and non-wastewater BMPs. (All BMP data except data delayed due to USDA aggregate dataset. In this case, nonpoint source data may be submitted on December 6th) Wastewater data for all states except VA, which includes the categories CSO, bio-solids, spray irrigation, large onsite systems, and rapid infiltration.	December 1
Final BMP submissions for nonpoint source data that was delayed due to the USDA aggregate dataset	December 6 th
CAST input and output reports, including NEIEN validation reports, are made available by the CAST Team. Reach out to Jess Rigelman for NEIEN Validation reports as needed.	Within ~ a day of Dec. 6 submission
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-1: Resubmissions of data are due each Friday at noon. Olivia Devereux will send out reminders. Once data is submitted, Jess Rigelman will run a draft progress scenario with the resubmitted data.	December 10

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Calls with state technical leads-Round 1: The purpose of this conversation is to sort out potential errors, learn about new programs, and address flagged BMPs	December 13- December 17
Progress Evaluation-1 Completed by Bay Program Staff: The goal of the first progress evaluation is to flag potential errors in the data and identify higher than expected and lower than expected levels of BMP Implementation	December 20 th
Documented State Responses to First Verification Assessment provided to the Bay Program by the Jurisdiction	January 7
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-2	December 17
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-3	December 24
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-4	December 31
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-5	January 7
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-6	January 14
CBPO EPA provides any requested changes to the NPS and PS QAPPs to the jurisdictions	January 14
Calls with state technical leads-Round 2: The purpose of this conversation is to discuss significant load changes, levels of BMP Implementation, changes to BMP history and Reported Inspection and Implementation Dates	January 19 to January 26
Progress Evaluation-2: The purpose of the second evaluation is to provide states with a documented verification assessment. At this point, most data errors should be resolved, so the focus of the conversation will be on verification.	January 27 th
Virginia Wastewater Data Due for period covering Jan 1, 2021-Dec 31, 2021	January 31
Documented State Responses to Second Verification Assessment provided to the Bay Program by the Jurisdiction	February 7 th
Final progress run information for progress available to jurisdictions – needed for outside reporting of progress on commitments and to keep results relevant. Any submissions past February 7th will be prompted by results from the verification assessment.	February 11 th
Deadline to Address Outstanding Comments on the QAPPs: It is expected that jurisdictions address all outstanding comments on their BMP Verification Program Plans from EPA. Addressing these comments and data problems should occur after submission of the BMP data and EPA's review of progress but by no later than February 8 th of each year to ensure full credit of quality data. (Page 11 of Attachment 6 of the Grant Guidance.)	February 14 th

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Final Progress Evaluation and Verification Assessment Completed with Final Progress Evaluation Provided to States	February 22
<i>Optional: If needed, a third verification call/meeting will be scheduled with those states that request a meeting to resolve outstanding issues and discuss the final progress submission and results of the final verification assessment.</i>	February 21 to February 28
Final Progress Evaluation and Verification Assessment Completed with Final Progress Evaluation Provided to States	March 1st
Formal Verification Letters sent out to States by Bay Program Office – <i>As with 2020 Progress, the finalization of 2021 Progress may be delayed due to unresolved issues surrounding the verification assessments.</i>	March 11 ⁴
2021 Progress Finalized and Released on CAST – <i>As with 2020 Progress, the finalization of 2021 Progress may be delayed due to unresolved issues surrounding the verification assessments. We intend to make the progress scenarios available on CAST even if the RPI has not been released.</i>	March 21
QAPP Updates: Any outstanding verification issues after publication of progress scenario results should be addressed through updates to the QAPP prior to next year’s progress and verification submission of QA/QC’d BMP and wastewater data at the beginning of December	December 1 (of next progress year)

Commented [VNV3]: Documentation should be finalized after the final meeting with jurisdictions. (Last Meeting on February 28th)

Commented [VNV4]: Shifted from March 4th to March 11th to give jurisdictions time to react to the Final Progress Evaluation.