



Integrating Science and Developing
Approaches to Inform Management for
Chemicals of Concern in Agricultural
and Urban Settings

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# Next Steps: STAC Letter to CBP

Gaps in compiling and communicating potential removal efficiencies for contaminants



- Continued expansion and compilation of BMP studies
- Examine known and emerging contaminants
- Capitalize on possible co-benefits
- BMPs are necessary investment to reduce contaminant loads and improve water quality
  - Research investment to understand co-benefits or negative impacts
  - Close working relationship between researches and management community to develop tools
- Prepare CBP responses to STAC



## Potential CBP Responses to STAC

#### STAC:

- Gaps in compiling and communicating removal efficiencies
- Close working relationship between researches and management community

# CBP Action 1: Enhance Interaction with Audiences for Contaminant Information

- Jurisdictions:
  - Implementing Phase 3 WIPs
- Water Quality GIT & workgroups
  - Ag, Stormwater, WWTP
- Local TMDL implementation
  - States, DC, and local jurisdictions
- Science providers



## Potential CBP Responses

<u>STAC:</u> Close working relationship between researches and management community

#### CBP Response 2: Take advantage of Phase 3 implementation

- Nutrient and sediment BMPs with contaminant benefits
- Jurisdictions consider BMP planning
- New findings provided 2 years
- Materials to inform decisions

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Phase 3 WIPs	New findings		New findings		New findings

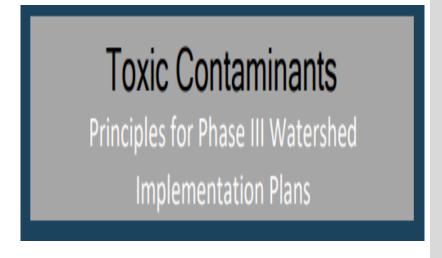


#### Potential CBP Responses

STAC: Gaps in compiling and communicating removal efficiencies; close working relationships

#### CBP 3: Enhance Communication Materials to Inform Decisions

- Stakeholder input on most useful topics
  - Ag, Urban, WWTP WGs
- Fact Sheets/Briefing Materials



Best Management Practice	Urban Pollutants	Agricultural Pollutants
Ag Forest Buffer		4
Streamside Forest Buffers		3
Narrow Forest Buffer	3	3
Runoff Reduction	2.5	
Wet Ponds	2.5	
Urban Forest Buffers	2.5	
Filtering Practices	2	
Infiltration Practices	2	
Dry Ponds	2	
Bioretention	1.5	



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#### CBP 4: Compile results and expand BMP studies

- Science needs updated
- Synthesis of BMPs from existing studies
- Expand studies for contaminants of most concern
- Monitoring for progress in reducing contaminants/impacts

#### CBP 5: Selected BMP results into CBP tools

Watershed Dashboard, modeling, and CAST





# Next Steps and Questions

- Present findings and draft response to WQ GIT and WGs
- Response through CBP to STAC

- Progress on responses
- Build into TCW action plans

Questions?

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