

**CBP Goal Implementation Team  
Water Quality Goal Implementation Team  
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup  
All Day In-Person Meeting: Actions and Decisions**



**Chesapeake Bay Program**  
*A Watershed Partnership*

**Date:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018

**Time:** 9:30 AM – 3:15 PM

**Location:** USGS Baltimore (5522 Research Park Drive, Baltimore MD 21228)

**Calendar Page:** [Link](#)

Summary of Actions and Decisions:

*Policy and Prevention Management Strategy and Workplan:*

**Action:** An additional gap for the Policy and Prevention Management Strategy may be considered to acknowledge the quality and amount of PCB impairment data as a limiting factor in determining trends over time of PCB impairments.

**Action:** The TCW will consider whether identifying additional PCB impairment indicator data for potential trend analysis is appropriate for the PCB Consortium to address.

**Action:** A table of contents will be considered for addition to the management strategy for Policy and Prevention for navigational purposes.

**Action:** The jurisdictions will commit to review and update the sections for current efforts and gaps (EPA Region III; researchers in those areas; jurisdiction leads).

**Action:** Greg Allen, Michelle Williams and Doug Austin will lead on compiling and combining review and mark-ups of the management strategy. However, all members are asked to review and assist with specific updates.

**Action:** Greg Allen and Michelle Williams will work to review and update the sections on local collaborations, cross-outcome collaboration.

**Action:** Greg Allen will update the Management Approaches in the Policy and Prevention management strategy to include the PCB consortium.

**Action:** The Science Management Approach will be re-formatted to reflect the following four focus areas:

1. Identify sources This would include all the source tracking efforts; and could include the modeling since that is an one use of the modeling efforts.

2. BMP effectiveness This would be your mitigation topic and either title works for me. We could include work on reducing PCBs and how to put into CAST)
3. Status and change of environment conditions. This would address lab and field methods so they are comparable across the watershed; Item would also address "measuring progress item of the P&P strategy" to document if PCB concentrations are being reduced from the BMP efforts.
4. Synthesize and communicate results. Not sure if we need this as a separate item but could include working with WQ GIT work groups (WWTP and stormwater in particular).

**Action:** All members and jurisdictional representatives are asked to review and provide comments on the Policy and Prevention Management Strategy in two weeks, by COB August 1. Reviews, edits and comments can be sent to Michelle Williams ([williams.michelle@epa.gov](mailto:williams.michelle@epa.gov))

*Research Management Strategy and Workplan:*

**Action:** Scott Phillips and Emily Majcher will update the science Management Approach and section for current monitoring efforts.

**Action:** Michelle Williams will post the PCB Consortium discussion paper from the July 12 Management Board meeting to the July 18 TCW meeting page.

**Action:** Landscape-scale prioritization of research and management will be included in the Research management strategy and workplan, with less emphasis on risk assessment of individual contaminants. Further refinement of the stressor-based landscape-scale prioritization approach will occur in development of workplan items.

**Action:** Hg, fish consumption advisories, CECs, shellfish, will be included in Research management strategy, but will not include recreational activities or bacteria/pathogens in the Research management strategy or workplan.

**Action:** Harmful algal blooms may be considered an emerging issue for potential inclusion in the Research management strategy for more work in the future.

**Action:** Perfluoro-alkyl substances will be considered for inclusion as contaminants of emerging concern in the Research management strategy.

**Action:** All partners asked to review the Research Management Strategy and workplan and provide comments and updates by August 1. Comments, feedback, and suggested revisions on the Research Management Strategy and workplan should be emailed to Emily Majcher ([emajcher@usgs.gov](mailto:emajcher@usgs.gov)) by COB August 1.