

Management Board Charge to the WTWG

August 5, 2021 Update

ISSUE I. Timing of Updates for Jurisdictions BMP Verification Plans (i.e., Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs))

- **Action:** Charge the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) to develop options for updating and submitting changes to the jurisdictions' QAPPs to the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office (CBPO). Recommendations will then be shared with the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) for their review and approval.
- **Status:** WTWG Action Taken: Updated QAPPs are due with the BMP data Dec. 1 so EPA verification analysis can begin and Bay Program can keep to schedule for finalizing annual progress scenario. EPA will provide final comments on verification analysis within two months of progress scenario completion. Jurisdictions have until Dec. 1 to update historic BMP data and QAPP in response to EPA final comments.

ISSUE II. Quality Requirements of BMP Data and QAPPs

- **Issue:** Requirements of verification program plans BMP data may not be consistently applied across jurisdictions.
- **Action:** Jurisdictions to submit comments and questions on the SOP document to Jeff Sweeney (Sweeney.Jeff@epa.gov) by March 6, 2020.
- **Action:** Charge the WTWG to develop options for more consistent approaches for reporting and documentation inspection dates as part of the annual BMP verification reporting to the EPA CBPO. Recommendations will then be shared with the WQGIT for their review and approval.
- **Status:** From August 2020 – Jurisdictional comments on the SOP were incorporated with the document. Alternatives to approved SOP can be considered and recommendations from jurisdictions are welcome.

ISSUE IV. Ensuring Transparency in How Verification is Treated in Terms of Credit Duration

- **Action:** Charge the WTWG to discuss potential solutions of making the error reports available in partnership's Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST) after the final progress run in February of each year – particularly for those BMPs that are removed from CAST due to credit duration.
- **Status:** Complete. Error reported were made available for download.

https://www.chesapeakebay.net/channel_files/42033/wtwg_meeting_minutes_01.07.2021.pdf

ISSUE VII. Back-out and Cut-off Procedures

- **Action:** Charge the WTWG with revisiting the back-out and cut-off procedures, working with the appropriate source sector workgroups, if necessary. This issue will be added to the March WTWG conference call agenda. Proposed solutions will be raised and discussed with the WQGIT before any modifications are finalized and implemented.
- **Status:** Backout extended for select Forestry practices. Conversations around backout for “low vegetation” and septic connection BMPs still on-going.
- Cutoff has been discussed in past meetings. During these meetings, land use updates, states correcting BMP and other CAST data or updating animal fractions for counties in/out of the watershed were brought up as potential solutions to issue relating to cutoff. Does this item need to be revisited?