



Chesapeake Bay Program
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2020
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
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Summary of Actions and Decisions

Action: Approval of WTWG November meeting minutes is postponed to January's meeting.

Action: The AgWG Non-Urban Stream Restoration EPEG requests information from WTWG members regarding documented N, P, SED load reductions, defaults and/or rates associated with permitting for stream restoration projects. Please reach out to AgWG Coordinator, Loretta Collins (lcollins@chesapeakebay.net) with any information.

Action: Add Lisa Beatty (PA DEP) and Brittany Sturgis (DNREC) to NEIEN Portal.

Action: WTWG will continue their discussion on 2020 Progress Submissions at their January meeting.

Agenda

10:00 AM – **Introductions and Announcements** – Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC (15 min.)

- CAST webinar Dec. 10th – Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting
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10:15 AM – **2020 Progress Submissions** – All Jurisdictions

A report out and discussion of BMP and wastewater data submissions for the 2020 Progress model scenario – what worked, what didn't work, status, and where would you like to make improvements to your or the Bay Program's data systems for the 2021 scenario?

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Discussion:

WV (Alana Hartman): Alana checked in with wastewater and liked they could pull for final merged data sets. Alana submits three XMLs - the Ag one keeps having issues with its header and she doesn't know how Yonas Amdie is connected but he keeps rewriting the header for her. This needs a permanent fix. The agency code in

the header rewrites the files. If it says non-fed it will overwrite any other XMLs you submitted. Each XML has a separate header. We need to be able to edit the agency code for each BMP. We get some data from federal agencies. The communication with federal agencies is there but there is a lot of additional follow up. Yonas is one of the developers and works directly with NEIEN. Jess will follow up with him so he can show you how to fix the agency header. Bill suggested trying videostudiocode and followed up that the agency code is different in NEIEN and CAST. In CAST its fed, non-fed etc. in NEIEN it's the submission ID. All the individual records are the agency code issued. Alana said when she asked her programmers to fix the XML so she is able to change the agency- code, would she still be able to keep the agency code constant too? Bill said it may be a nomenclature thing but without knowing WV's database it's hard to say. Cassie asked if the agency- code in the header could be a unique BMP submission ID. Jess said that this is the case. Changing it would be a change in the schema and it would be difficult and that it's an agency code. Jeff asked if it would be worth looking into changing this? Bill said that people aren't understanding it and with any turnover it would be difficult to keep this going.

VA (Bill Keeling and James Martin): Jeff asked if VA's submissions are mostly Ag practices. James said that everyone has their own template to input BMPs. In VA they have to upload into our system, so just submitting their template doesn't work because we don't have time to go through and develop templates or resubmit theirs so they get our templates. Olivia asked if James is still the DEQ member of the Federal Facilities group. Apparently, it didn't get translated down to the establishment of proper templates.

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11:00 AM – **Meeting Adjourn**

Next Meeting: January 7, 2021 from 10:00- 12:00 PM

Call Participants

Hilary Swartwood, CRC
Jeff Sweeney, EPA
Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC
Alana Hartman, WV DEP
Bill Keeling, VA DEQ
Brittany Sturgis, DNREC
Dave Montali, Tetra Tech (WV)
Emily Dekar, USC
Clare Sevcik, DNREC
Jason Keppler, MDA
Jessica Rodriguez, DoD
Kevin Du Bois, DoD
Norm Goulet, NOVA
Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting
Loretta Collins, UMD

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Elizabeth Hoffman, MDA
Arianna Johns, VA DEQ
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Ruth Cassilly, UMCES
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