

**Chesapeake Bay Program's BMP Verification Program Development Update:
CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
November 13, 2012 Conference Call**

BMP Verification Review Panel Met Via Conference Call

On October 12, the Partnership's BMP Verification Review Panel met for the first time, received detailed briefings on the Partnership and its BMP verification development efforts to date, and discussed the draft BMP verification principles.

CBP BMP Verification Review Panel Web Page Posted

CBPO staff have set up a web page on the CBP Partnership's web site devoted to the Panel at:

http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/bmp_verification_review_panel

Partners can access all the materials distributed to, presented to, and generated by the Panel through this web page. Short bios for each of the Panel members are also accessible via this web page.

BMP Verification Committee Signs Off on Draft Verification Principles

During its October 31 conference call, the BMP Verification Committee discussed and responded to comments and feedback from the BMP Verification Review Committee and Water Quality Goal Implementation Team members on the draft BMP Verification principles. The Committee agreed to forward the draft verification principles onto the Management Board (November 14 meeting) for their review, comment and approval to forward on to the Principals' Staff Committee (December 5 meeting).

BMP Verification Committee Updates Schedule Through June 2013

During its October 31 conference call, the BMP Verification Committee made adjustments to the Partnership's verification schedule and added specific dates for the key meetings of the Principals' Staff Committee, Management Board, BMP Verification Review Panel, and BMP Verification Committee.

Key Next Steps Through January 2013 Focused on Finalizing Verification Protocols

The six source sector and habitat restoration **workgroups** will be focused on continued development and refinement of their draft BMP verification protocols heading towards completion of final protocol by the end of January 2013.

The primary focus of the **BMP Review Panel** in the coming months will be on reviewing and providing detailed feedback to the workgroups on their draft verification protocols. Review of the workgroups' draft protocols is the primary objective of the Panel's December 6th face to face meeting.

The **BMP Verification Committee** will be focused on working on finalizing elements of the larger BMP verification framework beyond the verification protocols—ensuring full access to federal cost shared practices (November 26 conference call), eliminating double counting (November 26), and verification communications strategy (January 22 conference call).

The **BMP Verification Committee's** February 21 face to face meeting will be focused on working with the workgroup chairs and coordinators on finalizing the workgroups' verification protocols.