

**MIDPOINT ASSESSMENT PRIORITY WORK PLAN:  
MIDPOINT ASSESSMENT AND PHASE III WIP SCHEDULE  
LEAD: EPA AND MODELING WORKGROUP**

**Full Title of Priority:** Develop schedule to achieve an effective balance between sufficient review time for tool revisions/review/ concurrence and sufficient time for target development and implementation planning

**High Priority,** 8 votes

**Short Description of Priority:** Actions on the schedule will include soliciting and prioritizing input from the Partnership, gathering data and conducting analyses to address midpoint assessment priorities, incorporating findings into the Chesapeake Bay Program modeling tools, as appropriate, reviewing results, developing Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) and milestones, and modifying the Bay TMDL, as necessary. The schedule will include approximate dates as well as recommended timeframes for completing actions. The schedule will be an appendix of the Midpoint Assessment Guiding Principles, and will be subject to change as the midpoint assessment progresses.

**Supporting Partners:** The Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) and Management Board will endorse a general schedule for the midpoint assessment and WIP development, as included in the Appendix to the Midpoint Assessment Guiding Principles. With input from the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) and its Workgroups, and concurrence from the Management Board, EPA will develop a schedule for Phase III WIP development and any Bay TMDL modifications. The Modeling Workgroup is the lead for setting more specific model development deadlines that will allow for Phase III WIP planning targets to be set by December 2017.

**Necessary Datasets, Analyses, or Decisions:** Decisions: Concurrence all the way up to PSC on general schedule.

**Start Date:** October 23, 2012

**Interim Deliverables, Including Lead and Deadlines:**

- October 23, 2012: EPA leads discussion with WQGIT on schedule. WQGIT recommends schedule for Management Board and PSC.
- November 13, 2012: WQGIT approves presentation on midpoint assessment, including general schedule, to send up to Management Board and PSC
- November 14, 2012: Management Board approves presentation on midpoint assessment, including general schedule, to send up to PSC for concurrence at December 5 meeting.
- November 16, 2012: Larry Merrill, WQGIT Chair, sends Guiding Principles to WQGIT for approval for recommendation to PSC. Includes Appendix with schedule. Jim Edward sends Guiding Principles to Management Board for their approval for recommendation to PSC.

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- November 26, 2012: Deadline for WQGIT and Management Board to submit comments on Guiding Principles, including schedule appendix.
- December 5, 2012: Larry Merrill will present midpoint assessment recommendations, including schedule, to PSC for their concurrence
- Winter 2013 (exact date TBD; likely February or March): If final concurrence not reached on December 5, 2012, date by which PSC provides concurrence on schedule
- Ongoing, as needed: As the midpoint assessment progresses, WQGIT will review and approve any changes to the schedule. As necessary, will seek concurrence from Management Board and/or PSC.

**Completion Date:** Winter (February/March) 2013: Winter PSC meeting

**Level of Effort for Lead and Supporting Partners, Including (as relevant) CBPO Modeling Team:** Minimal effort to set schedule.

**Potential Conflicts with Other Priorities:** Schedule affects the time available to complete other midpoint assessment priorities. Necessary to set schedule in order to develop more detailed work plans for other priorities.

**Issues Requiring Input from Full WQGIT:** As noted above, WQGIT will review and approve any changes to the schedule as the midpoint assessment progresses. As necessary, WQGIT will seek concurrence from Management Board and/or PSC. EPA will be the lead in setting specific dates for Phase III WIP development and Bay TMDL modifications, and Modeling Workgroup will be the lead for setting more specific deadlines for interim model updates.

**Issues Requiring Input from Management Board and/or Principals' Staff Committee?** The Principals' Staff Committee and Management Board will endorse a general schedule for the midpoint assessment and WIP development, as included in the Appendix to the Midpoint Assessment Guiding Principles, ideally on December 5, 2012 and by no later than the Winter 2013 PSC meeting.

**Other Notes:** Relates to Appendix of Guiding Principles.