

# AgWG Conference Call

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- 1/12/12 Minutes
  - PA moves to approve, approved
- Website review
- Verification Process
  - Presentation
  - Requests
    - Develop protocols for agriculture
    - Management of verification data
    - Address from an agricultural perspective
      - Accounting for federal c/s BMPs
      - Prevent double counting of BMPs
      - Historical data verification
      - Life spans of BMPs

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- WV: locally based abilities to manage data is best
- WV: do not have the capacity to meet verification levels being implemented by other states
- PA: need for balancing limited resources between verification and implementation
- PA: concern with level of commitment to address verification of historical data, information may not be available in all cases
- PA: would recommend the ability to refer to the NACD project report, it is not available at this time
- WV: could use draft report posted on the Howard County Conservation District website in the interim
- PA: the final NACD report has not been made available or vetted by the original project workgroup
- EPA: will continue to work with NACD and NRCS to have the final report released
- EPA: open to modifying proposed schedule based on partnership input

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- PA: would recommend the states be informed of historic data being potentially deleted, or major process changes prior to action to allow for input
- EPA: WQGIT steering workgroup will be available to assist the process development and implementation; welcome nominations from AgWG
- VA: recommends that the AgWG active a subgroup to address the verification protocol and develop recommendations for the AgWG, use the NACD workgroup as the core

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- NM Panel Update
  - Presentation
  - VA: believes that the panel is making positive progress forward on a difficult subject
  - PA: concerned that panel should take into account the scale of the models which do not recognize individual fields or farms
  - NGO: the panel should address the short term needs for the Phase 2 WIP as well as the long term
- NM Analysis
  - Presentation
  - WV: if already satisfied with existing scenario, does the state have to adopt the new proposed- no

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- NM Analysis cont.
  - WV: states can request the CBPO run the alternative scenarios
  - VA: initial request for proposal was based on communication concerns; requesting review by expert panel
  - UM: concerned that new proposed method has its own issues, will require the panel to move forward with recommendations
- CT and CC Panels
  - Endorsement of CT panel, VA, PA
  - Endorsement of CC panel, VA, NGO
  - Update from Tt
    - Science articles researched and posted
    - Draft questions for interviews being developed
- PLS Update
  - Mark provided update