

CBP Partnership Ag/Forestry/USW/WWT/Wetlands/Streams Workgroup Chairs/Coordinators-

Thank you again (and again) for your participation in and contributions to our successful April 1st BMP Verification Review Panel meeting.

Attached please find a three page summary of the Panel's overview and Sector Workgroup specific feedback on each workgroup's verification guidance documents. The limited and very specific nature of the comments clearly indicates five of the workgroups are on the cusp of completing work on their guidance. (Our sympathies to our new Agriculture Workgroup Co-chairs as the Panel clearly stated you all have some more homework still to accomplish!)

As an outcome of the April 1st and 2nd meetings, Panel member Mike Gerel drafted (with initial review/edits by Dana York and Rich Batiuk) the attached copy of the "Jurisdictional Verification Protocol Design Table". This table embodies initial inspection (is the BMP there?) and follow-up checks (is the BMP still here and operating) through the life span of practices concepts discussed during the joint Committee/Panel meeting on April 2nd. Please find a copy of the Design Table and a copy of the supporting narrative attached to this email message.

By **Friday May 9th**, please: 1) respond to the Panel's very specific questions and requests in the three page attached, and 2) read through and respond accordingly to the Panel's request to use the "Jurisdictional Verification Protocol Design Table" and supporting narrative to double confirm your verification guidance has provided the jurisdictions with your recommendations for addressing the various elements captured within the table. Many workgroups have already likely done this—the Panel is asking you to 'verify' (sorry, could not help myself!) your current verification guidance provides all the needed recommendations/specific guidance to our jurisdictional partners.

By the Friday May 9th deadline, please email Jeremy (jhanson@chesapeakebay.net) your revised workgroup verification guidance. The good news is, beside the Ag Workgroup, the Panel does not want to review your guidance again.

Thanks, Rich

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