

Decisions Requested from Water Quality Goal Implementation Team on July 8, 2013:

1. Agreement that all CBP jurisdictions will submit their 2015 milestones by January 15, 2014 based on September 2013 version of 2015 land use projections.
2. Recommend to EPA that jurisdictions have the opportunity to amend milestone submissions based on 2013 Progress run, EPA's comments on their January submission and updated 2015 land use projections available in April 2014.
3. Recommend to EPA that the January 2014 version of the 2015 MS submissions posted to the TMDL website should be labeled as "draft"; include an explanation as to why they are considered draft; include a request to site visitors to check back again in spring 2014 for final 2015 Milestones. When the final 2015 milestones are posted to the TMDL website in spring 2014, the explanation and request to check back should be removed.
4. Agreement that all CBP jurisdictions will ask CBPO to re-run their latest 2015 MS input deck submission using the updated 2015 land use projections available in April 2014.
5. Recommend to EPA that the jurisdictions will have 30 days after the updated scenario results are provided to make adjustments to their input decks (if necessary) and to finalize their 2015 milestone loads and programmatic commitments.

Background:

- Relevant Decision from June 10, 2013 meeting of the WQGIT: WQGIT will continue the discussion of the Milestone Workgroup's Recommendation for which 2015 projections to use when setting milestone commitments and assessing progress at July call. General support was expressed on aspects 1 and 2 of the recommendation:
 1. Milestones submitted by January 15, 2014 deadline to be based on September 2013 version of 2015 projections;
 2. Jurisdictions have the opportunity to amend milestone commitments based on 2013 progress run, EPA comments, updated 2015 projections that incorporate 2012 Ag Census and other data sources.
 - However, aspect 3 of the recommendation for what should be posted online and when needs to be resolved prior to WQGIT approving the full recommendation.
 - For additional information, refer to [6/10/12 WQGIT meeting materials](#).
- Relevant Decision from June 25, 2013 meeting of the Milestone Workgroup: Recommendations to the WQGIT:
 1. The MSWG recommends to the WQGIT that if 2015 milestones submitted in January 2014 are posted to the TMDL website, they should be labeled as "draft"; include an explanation as to why they are considered draft; include a request to site visitors to check back again in spring 2014 for final 2015 Milestones. When the final 2015 milestones are posted to the TMDL website in spring 2014, the explanation and request to check back should be removed.

2. MSWG also recommends the following to the WQGIT: all jurisdictions should request a re-run of their latest input deck submission using the new 2015 land use base conditions available in April. The jurisdictions will have 30 days after the scenario results are provided to make adjustments to their input decks (if necessary) and to finalize their 2015 milestone loads and programmatic commitments.
 - For additional information, refer to [6/25/13 MSWG meeting materials](#) and [minutes](#) related to discussion of what should be posted on the TMDL website and when related to the jurisdictions' 2015 Milestone submissions.
- Relevant Decision from May 28, 2013 meeting of the MSWG: Recommendation from MSWG to WQGIT Regarding Discussion of Land Use Projections for 2014-2015 Milestones:
 - 2015 milestone commitments will be developed using most up to-date-data available (using 2015 projections available in September 2013) and when the 2015 projections can be updated in Spring 2014 (based on the new 2012 Ag census being available), jurisdictions have the option to re-run and update 2015 milestone commitment targets accordingly. The 2015 milestone commitments provided to EPA by Jan 15, 2014 should be considered "draft". If updates are required in spring 2014, those versions should be considered "final" (or "amended"). If a jurisdiction decides updates are not required in the spring, their Jan submission should be considered "final". Only "final/amended" versions of the 2015 milestone commitments should be communicated as final commitments to the public.
 - For additional information, refer to [5/28/13 MSWG meeting materials](#) and [minutes](#) related to discussion of 2014-2015 land use projections and decision regarding which version of the 2015 land use projections will be used to develop 2015 milestone commitments.