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BMP Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team

Meeting Agenda

August 13th, 2021

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Meeting materials: [link](#)

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9:00 **Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call**, Jason Keppler, MDA (Co-Chair)

- Welcome & Roll Call of participants
- **Decision Requested:** The BMPVAHAT is asked to approve the July [meeting minutes](#).
- **Announcement** – Back-Out and Cut-Off due to Land Use Update from WTWG, *Vanessa Van Note, WTWG Coordinator*
- **Announcement** – Wetland Restoration, *Vanessa Van Note (Coordinator)*
- **Announcement** – Decision to extend the credit duration of Forestry Practices, *Sally Claggett, USGS*
- **Announcement** – Compiling Solutions to Verification Challenges Effort, *Vanessa Van Note (Coordinator)*
- **Announcement** – Offline Conversations to assist in elevating the data sharing issue, *Vanessa Van Note (Coordinator)*
- **Announcement** – Next Meeting's Agenda Item, *Vanessa Van Note (Coordinator)*
- **Next Meeting: Friday, September 10th, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

9:15 **A Broader Programmatic Discussion**, All (45 min).

The group will continue their discussion from last month focusing on the broader programmatic issues of verification.

Work to address the following questions: *How have states overcome the challenge of not being able to locate NRCS/federally funded practices? Should states be responsible for federally funded practices? Which BMPs are the most difficult to locate? What are the proper channels for these discussions that have not already been identified?*

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10:00 **Partial/Diminishing Credit**, *Vanessa Van Note, EPA, Coordinator, All (30 min).*

Vanessa will lead a group discussion on partial/diminishing credit and will address the results of the mentimeter from the last meeting. The purpose of this agenda item is to prepare the group for an official decision in September.

Mentimeter Results

- Yes - 16 votes
- No - 2 votes
- Need more discussion to decide - 4 votes

September Decision Requested: The BMPVAHAT will be asked to vote to develop an official report/proposal for Partial Credit.

10:30 **Introduction to Grass Buffers**, *Vanessa Van Note, EPA, Coordinator (30 min).*

The “Grass Buffers Credit Duration Discussion” PowerPoint will be presented to the group. The presentation will include arguments for and against the extension of the credit duration for grass buffers. We will request a decision at the September meeting.

11:00 **Adjourn**