

# **Basinwide Chesapeake Bay BMP Verification Framework**

## **Proposed Next Steps and Overall Schedule**

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**Distributed to:  
CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's  
BMP Verification Committee**

### **Progress Since Last Spring**

- March 13 BMP Verification Committee meeting focused an in-depth review of all 8 components of the basinwide verification framework, with a focus on the workgroup's protocol
- July 1 delivery of complete draft BMP verification protocols by all six source sector workgroups
- July 15 delivery of a complete draft "Strengthening Verification of Best Management Practices in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: A Basinwide Framework" report to the Panel and Committee
- August 28-29 BMP Verification Review Panel meeting focused on an in-depth review of all 8 components of the basinwide verification framework, with a focus on the workgroup's protocol
- September: Panel members working on suite of Panel products and recommendations
- October 31 and November 1 BMP Verification Review Panel conference calls<sup>1</sup>
- December 3 CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee briefed on Panel's recommendations
- December 6 CBP Citizens Advisory Committee briefed on Panel's recommendations
- December 13 WQGIT Agriculture Workgroup Chair and Coordinator briefing on Panel's recommendations via conference call with Panel Chair
- December 13 WQGIT/Habitat GIT Workgroup Chairs briefing on Panel's recommendations via conference call with BMP Verification Review Panel Chair
- January 8 Habitat GIT Wetlands Workgroup Chair and Coordinator follow-up conference call with BMP Verification Review Panel Chair and BMP Verification Committee Chair
- January 21 WQGIT Urban Stormwater Workgroup conference call—agenda item on review of the revised workgroup verification guidance in response to Panel's comments and recommendations

### **Completing Work on the Framework**

**January 28, 2014:** CBP BMP Verification Committee meeting<sup>2</sup>

**February 3, 2014:** Deadline for submission of revised BMP verification guidance from source sector workgroups; revised draft basinwide verification framework document distributed to BMP Verification Review Panel members and BMP Verification Committee members for review and comment

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<sup>1</sup> Federal government shut-down delayed the Panel's follow up conference calls originally scheduled for early and mid-October.

<sup>2</sup> Originally scheduled for December 10, but canceled due to weather conditions and closed state and federal agency offices.

**March 3, 2014:** BMP Verification Review Panel members and BMP Verification Committee members complete their review of the workgroups' revised BMP verification guidance and the revised draft BMP verification framework document and provide their comments to Chesapeake Bay Program Office staff

**Mid-March/Early April 2014:** Joint meeting of the BMP Verification Review Panel and the BMP Verification Committee to finalize the basinwide BMP verification framework and all its components

### **Framework Review Process**

**April – July 2014:** Schedule briefings for all the relevant goal implementation teams, advisory committees, and Management Board on the draft proposed basinwide BMP verification framework, seeking their input.

- CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
- CBP Habitat Goal Implementation Team
- CBP Fisheries Goal Implementation Team
- CBP Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
- CBP Citizen Advisory Committee
- CBP Local Government Advisory Committee
- CBP Management Board

### **Framework Approval**

**July/August 2014:** Request Management Board's approval to submit the proposed basinwide verification framework to the Principals' Staff Committee for review and final approval/adoption on behalf of the larger Partnership

**September/October 2014:** Request review and approval by the Principals' Staff Committee

### **Review of Jurisdictions' Proposed Verification Programs**

**Fall/Winter 2014:** Jurisdictions complete development of their enhanced BMP tracking, verification, and reporting programs and provide expanded documentation through their existing quality assurance plans

**Spring/Summer 2015:** CBP BMP Verification Review Panel meets with the jurisdictions and review their proposed enhanced BMP tracking, verification, and reporting programs

### **Approval of Jurisdictions' Proposed Verification Programs**

**Fall/Winter 2015:** CBP BMP Verification Review Panel presents the Principals' Staff Committee with its recommendations on the jurisdictions' proposed enhanced BMP tracking, verification, and reporting programs