

ATTACHMENT A

Key Issues Requiring the Panel's Focus As Members Read the Draft Basinwide BMP Verification Framework Report

The following are specific issues the Panel members are asked to put particular focus on in their preparation for the August Panel meeting and where members can find the supporting documentation.

- **Transparency**—review of the working definition of what the Partnership means by its commitment to transparency, how it gets incorporated into the protocols, and how the Partnership ensures there is sufficient transparency to ensure public confidence in the reported practices well into the future
 - See Section 5 and Appendix N
- How the **80 percent threshold** embodied within the Agricultural Workgroup's recommended BMP verification protocols is calculated, by whom, who approves the resultant verification procedure, and how does this process get institutionalized
 - See section 7 and Appendices J and P
- The Panel's thoughts on whether/how the **80 percent threshold might apply across all source sectors**, not be limited to agriculture
- Verification of the implementation of practices which take the form of **management plans**
 - See section 7 and Appendices J and P
- How successful has the Partnership been to date in striving towards **achieving equity** in the measurement of functionality and effectiveness of the implemented BMPs among and across the source sectors
 - See section 7 and Appendices J and P
- Is the Partnership effectively addressing verification for those **practices which cross the artificial source sector/habitat boundaries**—e.g., riparian forest buffers, tree plantings, wetlands, stream restoration
 - See section 7 and Appendix J
- How the CBP Partnership goes about actually **implementing and institutionalizing** the basinwide BMP verification framework
 - See sections 12 and 15
- Taken as a whole, do the ten elements of the basinwide BMP verification framework describe a multi-jurisdictional verification effort which should be **successful in achieving the five state BMP verification principles** across the entire Chesapeake Bay watershed and the multitude of pollutant source sectors