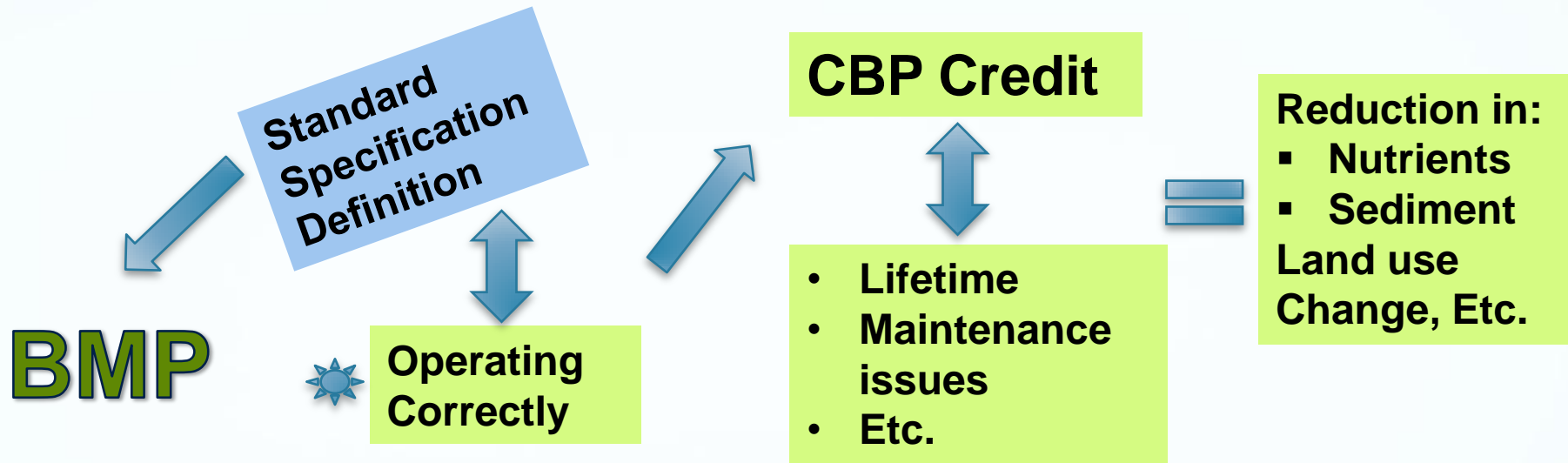


What is The GOAL of
Today's Verification
Review Panel Meeting?

TODAY'S GOAL

1. PROVIDE CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS TO WORKGROUP CHAIRS SO THAT SECTORS CAN:
 1. COMPLETE GUIDANCE
 2. GET APPROVAL
 3. PROVIDE TO STATES FOR VERIFICATION
PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT
2. PROVIDE INPUT ON PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BASIN WIDE FRAMEWORK



Verify Implementation


VERIFICATION DETERMINATION

- Present
- No Longer Present
- Impaired
- Needs Updating

**SECTOR GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS PREVENT:
Opportunities for Error: (Human Error)**

- Not Adequately Trained
- Did not Understand Standard/Definition were Unclear
- Did not use the Appropriate Method to Verify
- Review was not Timely
- Documentation Used was Inadequate to Verify
- Wrong Time of Year to Verify
- Did not have Right Tools to Verify
- Has Vested Interest in Reporting Outcome
- Did not Have Adequate Quality Assurance Process/Oversight

PROCESS

- **Workgroup Guidance:** No Presentations From Workgroup Chairs (30 Min. Each)
 - Review Comments to Date (Rich)
 - Ask Clarification  **Provide Suggestions** (Round Table)
 - Sector Chairs Respond/Ask Questions
- **LUNCH- Pay Jeremy!**
- **Review Proposed Plans For Implementation of Basin Wide Framework**
 - Share concerns, ideas, recommendations
- **Panel Only Work Session**



“Right Balance Between Cost and Rigor”

Office of Environmental
Markets-
” What is Verification”

- To reach the Verification Principles, we must strive to find the right balance.

USDA NRCS Workload Analysis Example:

The process of **certifying conservation practices** is a documented part of *NRCS conservation delivery* and is necessary to *ensure that Agency quality criteria* are met.

The “**certify task**” **activities** include but are not limited to:

- (1) measurement of completed amounts performed,
- (2) ensuring compliance with practice specifications, and
- (3) documentation for progress reporting and planning.

Cost and Rigor “Balance”

- From the **NRCS Workload Analysis**- On average, it requires and **about 0.68 hours to certify a conservation practice nationally (average all practices-Agronomic to Engineered)**. (This includes: time to check out the practice function and design along with an estimate of time to travel to the site.)

	Number of Practices Applied (PRS Report 2.22)		Total Workload in Hours to Certify Practices (ABC 2010 Data)		Total Workload to Certify (FTEs)	
Location	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2013
US	1,123,454	1,190,843	763,949	809,773	430	456
MD	24,818	17,824	16,876	12,120	10	7

Based on 2013 practice application volume it would require 7 full time Equivalents using the national time average to carry out the task in Maryland and 456 in the US. (MD has about 60 Field Staff).