

**Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's  
BMP Verification Review Panel  
August 28-29, 2013 Meeting**

**Chesapeake Bay Program Office Main Conference Room  
(Green Two Story Building on the Waterfront)  
410 Severn Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403**

Conference Call Number: 1-866-299-3188 Code: 267-985-6222  
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Wednesday, August 28, 2013  
AGENDA

Coffee and Calorie Free Refreshments Available Prior to the Meeting

**9:00 AM Introductions and Objectives of Today's Meeting** – Dana York, Chair

- Panel member, audience, and conference line participants introductions
- Brief review of the agenda and desired outcomes from the meeting
- Plans and schedule for development of the Panel's formal response and recommendations
- Plans for Panel only sessions on both meeting days
- Plans for a Panel dinner at local Annapolis restaurant
- Order lunches

**9:15 AM Review of Possible New BMP Principle: Transparency**

- Panel questions or requests for clarification
- Panel members responses to proposed transparency principle
- Panel members recommendations on how the CBP Partnership can 'operationalize' living up to the transparency principle—what specific steps can the partners make to address the calls for increased transparency

Partnership experts available to the Panel:

- Roy Hoagland, HOPE Impacts
- Matt Monroe, West Virginia Department of Agriculture
- Mark Dubin, UMD/Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Ag Workgroup Coordinator

**10:15 AM Review of Source Sector/Habitat Workgroups' Final Draft Verification Protocols**

For each workgroup's verification protocol, Panel members are being asked to:

- Ask questions or request clarification of specific elements of the workgroup's protocol based on the documentation provided in the July 15<sup>th</sup> draft report
  - Provide feedback—recognize positive elements, recommend specific improvements/needed changes
  - Reach agreement amongst the Panel on whether the Partnership should move forward with the proposed verification protocol as written or with requested modifications
- Agriculture: Frank Coale, UMD, Chair/Mark Dubin, UMD, Coordinator

**12:30-1:00 PM Lunch**

Pick up lunches ordered at the beginning of the meeting.

**1:00 PM Review of Source Sector/Habitat Workgroups' Final Draft Verification Protocols**

- Forestry: Rebecca Hanmer, USEPA Retired, Chair/Sally Claggett, USFS, Coordinator
- Stormwater: Norm Goulet, NVPC, Chair/Tom Schueler, CNS, Coordinator
- Wastewater: Tanya Spano, MWCOG Chair/Ning Zhou, VA Tech Coordinator
- Streams: Neely Law, CWP/Debbie Hopkins, USFWS, Coordinator
- Wetlands: Denise Clearwater, MDE, Chair/Jennifer Greiner, USFWS, Coordinator

**4:00 PM Panel Discussion across all Source Sectors/Habitats**

- Are the various draft protocols consistent with/adhering to the draft verification principles?
- Are the draft protocols reaching towards a common bar of verification expectations across source sectors and habitats?
- Is the CBP Partnership effectively dealing with the verification of practices which cross the source sector 'boundaries'—e.g., riparian forest buffers, tree plantings, wetlands restoration, stream restoration
- Specific recommendations for addressing any inconsistencies across the source sectors and habitats

**4:30 PM Panel Only Work Session****6:30 PM Panel Group Dinner**

- Specific downtown Annapolis restaurant to be selected by Panel members at the beginning of the meeting from a menu of choices

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**8:30 AM Ensuring Full Access to Federal Cost Shared Conservation Practices –**

For each proposed component, Panel members are being asked to:

- Ask questions or request clarification from the partnership experts on exactly what is being proposed/ recommended based on the documentation provided in the July 15<sup>th</sup> draft report
  - Provide feedback—recognize positive elements, recommend specific improvements/ needed changes
  - Reach agreement amongst the Panel on whether the Partnership should move forward with the proposed approaches as written or with requested modifications
- Recommended approach using consistent **1619 Conservation Cooperator agreements** to ensure all six jurisdictions have full access to federal cost share agricultural conservation practice data
- Developing a **common data retrieval template** for use by all six states
- Jurisdiction-specific protocols for **preventing double counting** of practices
- USDA agreement to work to **enhance data collection and reporting** of cost shared practices

Partnership experts available to the Panel:

- Dean Hively, USGS
- Susan Marquart, USDA NRCSS
- Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting
- Kelly Shenk, U.S. EPA Region 3, Regional Agricultural Advisor
- Mark Dubin, UMD/Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Ag Workgroup Coordinator

### 11:00 AM Partnership Process for Evaluation and Oversight

For each proposed component, Panel members are being asked to:

- Ask questions or request clarification from the partnership experts on exactly what is being proposed/ recommended based on the documentation provided in the July 15<sup>th</sup> draft report
  - Provide feedback—recognize positive elements, recommend specific improvements/ needed changes
  - Reach agreement amongst the Panel on whether the Partnership should move forward with the proposed approach as written or with requested modifications
- BMP verification related **decision-making roles** within the CBP Partnership
- Recommended **evaluation and oversight** procedures and processes
- CBP **Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee**'s BMP Verification Subgroup's findings and recommendations regarding proposed evaluation and oversight

Partnership experts available to the Panel:

- Nick DiPasquale, U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Director
- Rich Batiuk, U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Associate Director
- Dr. Brian Benham, Virginia Tech, STAC Member, Chair STAC BMP Verification Group
- Mary Ellen Ley, USGS/Chesapeake Bay Program Office, CBP Quality Assurance Coordinator

### 12:30-1:00 PM Lunch

- Pick up lunches ordered at the beginning of the meeting.

### 1:00 PM Jurisdictional BMP Verification Documentation Expectations

Panel members are being asked to:

- Ask questions or request clarification of exactly what is being proposed/ recommended as provided in the July 15<sup>th</sup> draft report
  - Provide feedback on the draft elements recommended for documentation
  - Develop the Panel's own checklist for reviewing each jurisdiction's proposed BMP verification program
- Recommended **documentation elements** for each jurisdiction's BMP verification program
- Panel development of a jurisdictional **verification program review check list**

Partnership experts available to the Panel:

- Rich Batiuk, U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Associate Director
- Mary Ellen Ley, USGS/Chesapeake Bay Program Office, CBP Quality Assurance Coordinator
- Jeff Sweeney, U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office, Implementation Effectiveness Assessment Team Leader

## **2:00 PM Implementation of BMP Verification Framework**

Panel members are being asked to:

- Ask questions or request clarification of exactly what is being proposed/ recommended as provided in the July 15<sup>th</sup> draft report and the supplemental August 16 version of *Section 15. Implementation of the BMP Verification Framework*
  - Provide feedback on the proposed implementation steps
  - Discuss the Panel's perspective on what it's going to take to be successful
- Recommended **steps for implementation** of the Partnership's basinwide BMP verification framework
- **Panel's perspective** on how the Partnership can be successful in institutionalizing verification as a part of ongoing program implementation actions at the local, state and regional scales

## **3:30 PM Panel Only Work Session**

**Adjourn 5:00 PM**