

## **Indicators Workgroup (IWG) of the Scientific and Technical Analysis and Reporting (STAR) Team**

### **IWG Scope and Purpose**

The Indicators Workgroup promotes the development of indicators that effectively communicate progress in the restoration of living resources, water quality and habitat in the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. The workgroup provides guidance to Scientific and Technical Analysis and Reporting Team and the other teams and workgroups that have the responsibility for the selection of appropriate metrics and the analysis and interpretation of data for individual indicators.

### **IWG 2014 Workplan**

A) Assist CBP Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) as they identify assessment and accountability metrics that will be used by the GITs and reported to external audiences in 2014. Specifically, the IWG will assist GITs as they:

- Update CBP indicators with 2013 data and upload updated content to ChesapeakeBay.net website (prior to May 2014, if possible):
  - find out from GITs for which indicators this would be possible
  - confirm list of indicator contacts for provision of updated A&M documentation, spreadsheets, and if applicable, static maps for current indicators
- Identify indicators to be revised/developed for public reporting (prior to May 2014, if possible).
  - Confirm and codify plans related to development of any revised/new indicators for New Agreement Outcomes (and Management Strategies)
  - Confirm list of indicator contacts for provision of revised/new A&M documentation, spreadsheets, and if applicable, static maps for revised/new indicators
  - If a GIT needs support from the STAR to develop a revised/new indicator, the STAR and the CBP Management Board need to weigh needs of the collective CBP and determine if/when resources of STAR will be utilized to support the needs of the GIT, especially if new monitoring, modeling and/or data analysis is required.
- Identify indicators no longer to be used for public reporting (prior to May 2014, if possible).
- IWG Chair will train successor(s) in process for uploading updated/new indicator content to ChesapeakeBay.net website prior to May 2014.
- If not completed prior to May 2014, continue to update and/or revise current indicators and develop new indicators (for New Agreement Outcomes and Management Strategies) and upload updated/revised/new content to ChesapeakeBay.net website.

B) Coordinate with and be responsive to any indicator-related needs pertaining to:

- ChesapeakeStat Website re-design (based on results of Discovery Phase);
- Phase 3 of the STAR Team's "Building and Sustaining Integrated Networks" (BASIN) effort. During Phase 3 STAR plans to coordinate with STAC as they outline monitoring needs to address the additional priorities of the partnership (beyond water quality monitoring).

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C) Ensure scientific and technical integrity of assessment and accountability information being used by GITs and being communicated to external audiences. Refer to [Chesapeake Bay Program Reporting Level Indicators Analysis and Methods Documentation Template](#) and [Analysis and Methods Documentation Sample](#).

D) Coordinate with the CBP Communications Workgroup (CWG) and utilize their guidance to identify indicators for public reporting in 2014. Please refer to [“Guidance for GITs as They Identify Assessment and Accountability Metrics for Public Reporting”](#).