

**Motion submitted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
to the Management Board of the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership**

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partners have been discussing modification of the current water quality accountability tools and the development and/or adoption of additional accountability mechanisms to help reach the Goals and Outcomes identified in the 2014 Bay Agreement; and

WHEREAS, collectively the members of the CBP partnership are not on track to meet several of the goals and outcomes set by the CBP partnership; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the water quality goals and outcomes, the partners are not on track to meet the nitrogen and phosphorus goals either watershed-wide or in the agriculture, developed, septic, and natural sectors;

WHEREAS, achieving the partnership's targets in sectors largely composed of nonpoint sources has been a particular challenge;

WHEREAS, in the EPA's September 15, 2023 response to Final Report No. 23-E-0023 issued by the EPA Office of Inspector General regarding the CBP partnership's accountability framework and EPA's role in that framework, EPA committed to make a motion to the Management Board,

NOW, HEREBY, EPA respectfully submits the following Motion:

1. Proposing that the CBP partnership develop a strategy to address nonpoint sources of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and
2. Proposing that the CBP partnership develop additional measure(s) for nonpoint source reductions beyond the existing Accountability Framework and other public accountability tools.