

CBP BMP Verification Program Development:

Progress to Date, Forthcoming Issues and Decisions

CBP Principals' Staff Committee Briefing
December 5, 2012 Meeting

Progress Since February

- ✓ Verification **protocols** drafted by all 6 workgroups
- ✓ Verification **principles** ready for your review and adoption
- ✓ Verification Review **Panel** meeting in Annapolis on Thursday

Under Development

- Basinwide federal cost share data sharing agreement with NRCS, FSA and the 6 states
- Jurisdiction specific procedures for eliminating double counting of BMPs
- Agreement on 'cleaning up' the jurisdictions' historical BMP data bases

Forthcoming Issues

- Ensuring commitment to verification by all partners
- Verification as an integral component of program implementation, not an undesired burden
- Addressing concerns about the request for historical data clean-ups and the resources required
- Engaging and actively communicating with the thousands of local partners, producers

Schedule

- **Winter:** complete work on the draft basinwide verification framework components
 - February 21 BMP Verification Committee meeting
- **Spring:** actively seek review of draft verification framework up through the partnership
 - Water Quality and Habitat Goal Implementation Teams
 - Advisory Committees: Citizens, Local Gov't, Scientific
 - Management Board

Schedule

- **May:**
 - Present the recommended basinwide BMP verification framework to the PSC for review and decision
- **June:**
 - Public communication of Partnership's BMP Verification Program
- **Summer/Fall/Winter**
 - BMP Verification Review Panel reviews of the jurisdictions' proposed BMP verification programs

Verification Principles

1. Practice reporting
2. Scientific rigor
3. Public confidence
4. Adaptive management
5. Sector equity

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