



Scientific Technical Assessment and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ken Hyer (US Geological Survey, USGS), **STAR chair, Breck Sullivan** (USGS), **STAR Coordinator, Peter Tango** (USGS), **CBP Monitoring Coordinator.**

Announcements:

- **Decisional Item:** Approve new Criteria Assessment Protocol (CAP) Workgroup Leadership – co-Chairs Tish Robertson (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, VADEQ) and Matthew Stover (Maryland Department of the Environment, MDE).

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [Capital Hill Ocean Week](#) – June 2-5, 2025, Washington, DC.
- [Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation \(CERF\) Conference](#) – November 9-13, 2025, Richmond, Virginia.

10:05 AM – 10:20 AM Progress of Indicator Communication and Outreach Plan for 2025 – Doug Bell (Environmental Protection Agency, EPA)

Description: Receive an update from Doug Bell, Indicators lead, on the progress of communication and outreach plans for 2025 as first introduced in the [January 2025 STAR Meeting](#). With primary focus on which indicators are being updated and communicated in association with the updated watershed agreement in 2025.

10:20 AM – 10:55 AM Discussion of Indicator Framework for Beyond 2025 –

Ken Hyer (USGS), Catherine Krikstan (UMCES), and Jake Solyst (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)

Description: In coordination with STAR, Strategic Engagement Team (SET), and the Web/Communications team at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP), we will discuss with STAR Workgroups and members on how we see new updated outcome language and targets affecting indicators in 2026 and beyond. Please refer to the [Chesapeake Bay Program Indicators Framework](#) for a brief overview.

Discussion Questions:

- *How do we want to track progress toward new Beyond 2025 goals and outcomes?*
- *What is the relationship between a Watershed Agreement Target and an Indicator?*
- *What do we want to communicate to our audiences about our work toward these goals and outcomes? Which Outcomes need a new indicator? What can we present alongside already existing indicators?*
- *Do we want to retain “historical” content for outcomes we’re no longer working toward?*

10:55 AM Adjourn