

## Quarterly SRS Planning Notes

**Goal:** Toxic Contaminants

**Outcome:** Policy and Prevention (PCB focus)

### Key Dates

April 5: Pre-meeting with SRS small group

April 23: Present proposed content to WQGIT

April 26: STAR Presentation Dry Run

April 30: Due Date for SRS Materials

May 10: Quarterly SRS Presentation

### Outline for the Policy and Prevention SRS Presentation

(2 mns) *A compelling story to reconnect the group with the purpose and why we are addressing contaminants and PCBs.*

- History of PCBs
- Photo of striped bass and current advisory levels around the watershed

(4 mns) *Display of indicator map and PCB story map*

- Indicator map stats – mostly PCB driven; no trend determined
- Story map four panels, wide coverage of TMDLs, major new TMDLs coming on-line in MD
- How the story map will be used to target activities in the workplan such as distribution

(3 mns) *What have we accomplished*

- Four management approaches
  - o Regulatory (Track down guide, multi-benefit scoring and WIP fact sheet, ...)
  - o Voluntary (No action prior to GIT funding; now GIT-funded feasibility study contract in place)
  - o Education and Awareness (Infographic)
  - o Science (wastewater treatment upgrade PCB benefits analysis; co-op with Wastewater Workgroup)

(3 mns) *What have we learned and what is new*

- Factors affecting achievement; any revisions – consider adding “lack of interstate coalition for TMDL implementation”
- Gaps and management approaches ROI
  - o PCB TMDL activity remains the focus; existing programs provides high leverage
  - o Voluntary efforts will undergo feasibility assessment over the next twelve months; possible cooperative with Sustainable Schools outcome

- Will need a new project in Education and Awareness following fish consumption infographic release and roll-out
- Investigating modeling support for PCB or other contaminants

(4 mns) *Suggested shifts in strategy and workplan*

- Possible shift: Consider forming an investigatory team and consider the formation of an interstate + multi-stakeholder PCB consortium. Fits under regulatory management approach or could be a new management approach
- Otherwise propose continuing work under the four management approaches
  - Regulatory (Track down guide, CAST multi benefit, ...)
  - Voluntary (GIT-funded feasibility study steering committee)
  - Education and Awareness (Infographic roll-out and next initiative)
  - Science (wastewater treatment upgrade PCB benefits analysis roll-out; modeling needs assessment)

(3 mns) *Specific items for MB/PSC/EC assistance*

1. Participate in the exploration of forming PCB Consortium (CBC leadership?)
2. Draft idea: Pa/Md cooperation on Susquehanna/Conowingo Pool PCB TMDL
3. Others TBD