

Chesapeake Bay Program  
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Conference Call (remote only)

Calendar Page: [August Meeting Materials](#)



Chesapeake Bay Program  
A Watershed Partnership

Actions and Decisions

**ACTION:** TCW Members who are interested in serving as a TCW Co-Chair, or have a nomination for TCW Co-Chair should email Greg Allen, EPA ([allen.greg@epa.gov](mailto:allen.greg@epa.gov)) and Sushanth Gupta, CRC ([Gupta.sushanth@epa.gov](mailto:Gupta.sushanth@epa.gov)) by COB Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, noting the information requested on the TCW Co-Chair Position Description.

**ACTION:** TCW Members with comments on the Beyond 2025 Draft report should submit them by Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to [comments@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:comments@chesapeakebay.net).

**ACTION:** TCW Members with comments or concerns related to SRS or the QPM should email Greg Allen, EPA ([allen.greg@epa.gov](mailto:allen.greg@epa.gov)).

**ACTION:** TCW Leadership will write up a strategy for emerging contaminants based on George Onyullo and Greg Allen's comments during the meeting.

**ACTION:** TCW Members with comments on the LLWG engagement or SRS should add to the [Jamboard](#) by COB Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Agenda Item and Desired Outcome	Time	Background Docs, Notes, and Action Items
<p>1. <b>Introductions and Announcements</b> – Emily Majcher, USGS, Greg Allen, EPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beyond 2025 Process Update</li><li>Co-Chair Call for Volunteers, nomination due by the September Meeting where we will vote on nominees.</li><li>Next PFAS Quarterly to be held <a href="#">Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024</a>.</li></ul>	1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">TCW Co-Chair Position Description</a></li><li><a href="#">Beyond 2025 Draft Report</a></li><li><a href="#">Blog Post on Beyond 2025 Recommendations</a></li><li>Greg Allen, EPA provided updates and announcements including an overview of the agenda, a call to comment on the Beyond 2025 Draft Report, and a call for nominations for a new TCW Co-Chair.</li><li>Emily Majcher, USGS provided a schedule update for the PFAS Quarterly meeting series – the next PFAS Quarterly will be in October rather than in September as originally planned. The topic will be Fish Consumption Advisories (FCAs) and studies on fish contamination with PFAS. Additionally, jurisdictional updates on FCA status will be sought.</li></ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> TCW Members who are interested in serving as a TCW Co-Chair, or have a nomination for TCW Co-Chair should email Greg Allen, EPA (<a href="mailto:allen.greg@epa.gov">allen.greg@epa.gov</a>) and Sushanth Gupta, CRC (<a href="mailto:Gupta.sushanth@epa.gov">Gupta.sushanth@epa.gov</a>) by COB Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, noting the information requested on the TCW Co-Chair Position Description.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> TCW Members with comments on the Beyond 2025 Draft report should submit them by Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to <a href="mailto:comments@chesapeakebay.net">comments@chesapeakebay.net</a>.</p>

<p><b>2. Preview of LLWG Meeting on Toxic Contaminants</b> – Rick Mittler, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick presented an overview of plans for an upcoming Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG) meeting focused on PCBs and PFAS.</li> <li>• Feedback was requested from TCW on suggestions for that meeting and future engagement with the LLWG and local government leaders to advance PCB TMDLs and other issues of primary concern.</li> </ul>	1:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Jamboard PDF</a></li> <li>• Rick Mittler, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay presented an overview of the LLWG’s <a href="#">August meeting</a> on Toxic’s and sought feedback from TCW members. Rick went over the LLWG’s ‘Let’s Talk Toxics’ meeting in August which will feature an introduction from Greg Allen, and a panel including Todd Keyser from DNREC, Mark Richards from VA DEQ, Dev Murali from DC DOEE, and Lee Currey from MDE. They will talk about projects from their respective agencies including the James River PCB TMDL work in VA, DNREC’s efforts on PFAS, DOEE’s Anacostia River Sediment Project. Additionally, Jennifer Reitz from UDel will present on Brownfields. Rick concluded by facilitating a Jamboard on opportunities for TCW and LLWG collaboration to support local governments. Discussion focused on issues like technical assistance to support assessment and TMDL implementation, toxics monitoring by drinking water suppliers to augment their data provisions to local governments, the scale of data collection and application, and communication.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SRS Review &amp; Work Session</b> – Emily Majcher, USGS, Greg Allen, EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRS Intro and Schedule</li> <li>• Preview of SRS Documents/Management Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Policy and Prevention Outcome</li> <li>▪ Research Outcome</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>SRS Quarterly Progress Meeting (QPM) on <a href="#">November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024</a></b></li> </ul>	1:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Current SRS Documents</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adaptive Management Logic Model Overview</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Jamboard PDF</a></li> <li>• Greg Allen, EPA provided an introduction to the SRS process as it impacts the TCW and key upcoming dates to be aware of. Additionally, Greg elaborated on the status of the Policy and Prevention Outcome. Emily Majcher, USGS presented on the Research Outcome, including current status, timeline, and management approaches including for fish health and mortality, occurrence, concentration, and sources, and options for mitigation. Following the intro and presentation, Emily facilitated a Jamboard discussion on 2025-2026 Strategies and Big Picture Thoughts. Discussion included 6PPDQ (MD mentioned they are contracting with MITRE to develop a geospatial model for 6PPDQ vulnerability in MD), PFAS in Ag, PFAS communication tools (ie storymaps), and the system for dealing with emerging contaminants.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> TCW Members with comments or concerns related to SRS or the QPM should email Greg Allen, EPA (<a href="mailto:allen.greg@epa.gov">allen.greg@epa.gov</a>).</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> TCW Leadership will write up a strategy for emerging contaminants based on George Onyullo and Greg Allen’s comments during the meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> TCW Members with comments on the LLWG engagement or SRS should add to the <a href="#">Jamboard</a> by COB Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>,</p>

		2024.
Wrap Up and Adjourn	3:00	Next meeting: <a href="#">Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024</a>