

**MIDPOINT ASSESSMENT PRIORITY WORK PLAN:
ACCOUNTING FOR TRADES AND OFFSETS
LEAD: EPA AND JURISDICTIONS**

Full Title of Priority: Accounting for Trades and Offsets

Low Priority

Short Description of Priority: Accounting for trades and offsets is important to insure the integrity of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL WLA and LA.

1. Reserve and trading/offset tracking

Designs for trading/offset tracking features have been proposed and vetted through a small group of EPA TMDL staff and managers.

a. Trading/Offset tracking

BayTAS can support the tracking of trade/offset transactions by jurisdictions. Jurisdictions are currently designing their offset and trading programs, which are being reviewed by EPA and will continue to be developed during the next year or more.

Supporting Partners: The EPA BayTAS team is ready to support these tracking efforts, and will coordinate with the trading and offsets workgroup to ensure that BayTAS supports but does not duplicate jurisdictions' current or developing systems. Additional supporting partners include TOWG AND WWTPWG.

Necessary Datasets, Analyses, or Decisions: Additional work in 2013 is necessary to determine the source of these data and the business processes between EPA and the jurisdictions necessary to successfully implement these features. As many states are designing their own systems for tracking offsets and trading, BayTAS development will be targeted so that it can potentially integrate with these systems, and does not duplicate efforts.

Start Date: 2013

Interim Deliverables, Including Lead and Deadlines:

Completion Date: 2014

Level of Effort for Lead and Supporting Partners, Including (as relevant) CBPO Modeling Team:

Potential Conflicts with Other Priorities: unknown

Issues Requiring Input from Full WQGIT: to be determined

Issues Requiring Input from Management Board and/or Principals' Staff Committee? to be determined

Other: This workplan will be finalized when EPA's BayTAS workplan for 2013 is finalized