

2011 EC Commitments



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Agreed to develop Phase II WIPs using modified 2017 planning targets at the same level of effort as the Dec. 29, 2010 TMDL allocations.

Status

- On July 14, 2011, EPA sent an email to State Secretaries and Directors describing the planned approach. On August 1 and again on October 5, EPA sent follow up correspondence with planning targets and an outline of the process for developing the Phase II WIPs.
- March 30, 2011, the Phase II WIPs were completed by Bay jurisdictions and on May 30, 2012, EPA evaluations of Phase II WIPs were completed.



Best Management Practices (BMPs) Cost Information

EPA reported it was developing a cost analysis of the WIPs and TMDL in cooperation with the jurisdictions estimated for completion in summer 2012). The EC requested information sooner to help inform development of draft Phase II WIPs.

Status

- EPA sent initial cost estimates of practices and actions identified in the WIPs to the Jurisdictions in Fall 2011 and refined estimates in June 2012.
- A draft analysis will be submitted for peer review this summer and the final analysis is planned for completion by December 2012.



Agricultural Certainty

USDA agreed to set up a roundtable discussion between the six states, USDA and EPA to initiate the process of development of a framework that clearly defines what “certainty” is, including defining specifically what the producer would have to do, how it can be monitored, and what the producer would get in return. This framework will define appropriate roles for USDA, EPA, and the six states in implementing these programs or initiatives.

Status:

- USDA and EPA participated in two Certainty meetings, chaired by MD and DE Agriculture Secretaries in October and November 2011, with all six Chesapeake Bay states and key agricultural and environmental stakeholders.

