



Scientific, Technical Assessment & Reporting Team Meeting

TOPIC:

Indicators and Status/Trends

Sept 22, 2016

10:00AM – 1:00PM

Chesapeake Bay Program Office: Fishshack

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AGENDA

- 10:00 AM** **Welcome, Introduction, and Announcements/Updates from Workgroups-**
Bill Dennison, Scott Phillips and Mark Bennett – STAR Co-Chairs, Peter Tango, STAR Coordinator
- Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, & Webinars-**
- [Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forum](#) –Sept 29-Oct 2, 2016, Shepherdstown, WV.
 - [Citizen Science Association](#) (CitSci2017) – May 2017, Minnesota. (Call for abstracts is out)
 - [Executive Council](#) meeting- Oct 4: Results from water-quality trends and SAV are part of posters for public portion of meeting.
 - [Tenth Annual MD Pesticide Conference](#), 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on November 18th, Pearlstone Conference Center, Reisterstown, MD. Register by emailing mdpestnet@aol.com with your full name, title & affiliation.
- 10:15** **Communications All**
STAR will notify the communications team of upcoming publications and projects.
- 10:30** **Indicators – Characteristics, Qualities and Options – Peter Tango, STAR Coordinator, USGS@CBPO:**
With the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, our need for indicators to both communicate progress and manage performance has grown. Characteristics and qualities of a good indicator, as well as tools to determine whether an indicator provides the right information, will be discussed in this presentation, using several examples from Outcomes in the 2014 Agreement. Goal Teams can use this information in developing indicators, and STAR and Goal Teams can react to the indicator options presented for several specific Outcomes.
- 11:00** **The Role of the Status and Trends Workgroup in the Partnership – Laura Free, S&T WG Coordinator, USEPA.**
The Indicators Coordinator will lead a discussion about the role of the Status and Trends workgroup in developing indicators and encouraging the use of indicators in the decision-making process within the Partnership. The ideas of STAR and Goal Teams present at the meeting will be discussed at the next Status & Trends workgroup meeting

and will inform the Status & Trends workplan, to be presented at STAR tentatively in October.

11:45

Lunch STAR Seminar – EPA’s Climate Indicators - *Michael Kolian*, USEPA

This presentation will provide an overview of EPA’s Climate Change Indicator effort including the primary purpose of the indicators and some basics on how EPA selects, manages, and maintains the indicator set. The presentation will also highlight a few new indicators from the recently released 4th Edition of report (August 2016).

1:00 PM

Adjourn

Next Star Meeting: October 27, 2016