2022 Progress Evaluation and Verification Assessment Schedule

Dates highlighted in <mark>Yellow</mark> are 2022 Grant Guidance Deadlines.

<u>Disclaimer:</u> As with 2021 Progress, the finalization of 2022 Progress may be delayed due to unresolved issues surrounding the verification assessments. The schedule may need to be altered to accommodate the availability of jurisdictional representatives and/or to accommodate the delays mentioned above. The Bay Program Office Staff will attempt to stay on schedule and will update jurisdiction technical teams directly on progress. Updates on the schedule will be provided at the WTWG monthly meetings.

BMP Listing, descriptions, and mapping due from jurisdictions for any proposed BMPs that will be submitted for progress assessment that are NOT included in the NEIEN Appendix.	July 31st
Data submissions and descriptions due for: 1) permitted forest harvest acres, 2) continually disturbed and permitted construction acres – including estimates of any unpermitted acres and 3) CAFO/AFO animal splits by county within the CB Watershed	<mark>August 31</mark>
Final requests for changes to the NEIEN Appendix due to the Watershed Technical Workgroup. The Watershed Technical Workgroup is responsible for approving the NEIEN Appendix and codes list by August 31 of the relevant model year.	<mark>August 31</mark>
Jurisdictions are encouraged to begin submitting their BMP implementation to NEIEN for the progress assessment. Ongoing review of submissions will occur between September and December, with the expectation that December 1 submissions are final.	<mark>September 1</mark>
CBPO begins preparation of land use data, animal population data, etc.	September 1
CBPO finalizes the NEIEN Appendix	September 1
NEIEN is available for submissions	September 1
Initial Updates to jurisdictions' BMP Verification Program Plans (i.e., Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)) due describing new data sources and changes to methods of tracking, reporting, and verification – that pertain to the data submitted for the 2022 Progress model assessment. Additional revisions to the jurisdictions' QAPPs may be necessary after Dec 1 as a result of EPA's review of each jurisdictions' Progress submission.	<mark>September 1</mark>
CBPO Initial QAPP Review comments due	<mark>October 16</mark>

Final Updates to jurisdictions' BMP Verification Program Plans (i.e., Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)) due, address comments from initial review, describe new data sources and changes to methods of tracking, reporting, and verification – that pertain to the data submitted for the 2022 Progress model assessment.	<mark>December 1</mark>
Final BMP submissions for the previous July 1 to June 30 data period due from jurisdictions for the 2022 Progress Phase 6 model assessment – both wastewater data and non-wastewater BMPs. Wastewater data for all states except VA, which includes the categories CSO, bio-solids, spray irrigation, large onsite systems, and rapid infiltration.	<mark>December 1</mark>
CAST input and output reports, including NEIEN validation reports, are made available in the CAST-NEIEN portal and in the CAST Results, Reports. Reports are run with data submitted by the end of the day on Thursday, December 1st.	End of the day on Friday Dec. 2
Progress Evaluation-1 Completed by Bay Program Staff: The goal of the first progress evaluation is to flag potential errors in the data and identify higher than expected and lower than expected levels of BMP Implementation	Monday December 12th
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-1: Resubmissions of data are due each Friday at noon. Olivia Devereux will send out reminders. Once data is submitted, Jess Rigelman will run a draft progress scenario with the resubmitted data.	December 9
Calls with state technical leads-Round 1: The purpose of this conversation is to sort out potential errors, learn about new programs, and address flagged BMPs	December 12-14 or January 3-13
Documented State Responses to First Verification Assessment provided to the Bay Program (one week after calls)	No later than January 20th
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-2	December 16
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-3	December 23
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-4	December 30
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-5	January 6
Progress Resubmission Reports and Reminder-6	January 13
Progress Evaluation-2: The purpose of the second evaluation is to provide states with a documented verification assessment. At this point, most data errors should be resolved, so the focus of the conversation will be on verification.	Monday, January 23rd
Optional: As needed, calls with state technical leads-Round 2: The purpose of this conversation is to discuss significant load changes, levels of BMP Implementation, changes to BMP history and Reported	January 16 to January 27

Inspection and Implementation Dates. **Note that all issues may be resolved in the first calls. This round of calls is on an as-needed basis.**	
Virginia Wastewater Data Due for period covering Jan 1, 2022-Dec 31, 2022	January 31
Point source data is submitted to CBPO via the Point Source Data Submission Tool	January 31
Documented State Responses to Second Verification Assessment provided to the Bay Program (one week after calls)	February 3rd
Final progress run information for progress available to jurisdictions – needed for outside reporting of progress on commitments and to keep results relevant. Any submissions past February 7th will be prompted by results from the verification assessment.	==February 8th==
Deadline to Address Outstanding Comments on the QAPPs: It is expected that jurisdictions address all outstanding comments on their BMP Verification Program Plans from EPA. Addressing these comments and data problems should occur after submission of the BMP data and EPA's review of progress but by no later than February 8th of each year to ensure full credit of quality data. (Page 11 of Attachment 6 of the Grant Guidance.)	==February 8th==
Final Progress Evaluation and Verification Assessment Completed with Final Progress Evaluation Provided to States	February 20
Optional: *If needed, a third verification call/meeting will be scheduled with those states that request a meeting to resolve outstanding issues and discuss the final progress submission and results of the final verification assessment.*	February 22 to March 3
Final Review of Jurisdictional QAPPs and Approval Memos Issued	March 8
Formal Verification Letters sent out to States by Bay Program Office – As with 2021 Progress, the finalization of 2022 Progress may be delayed due to unresolved issues surrounding the verification assessments.	March 8
2022 Progress Finalized and Released on CAST – As with 2021 Progress, the finalization of 2022 Progress may be delayed due to unresolved issues surrounding the verification assessments. We intend to make the progress scenarios available on CAST even if the RPI has not been released.	March 21
QAPP Updates: Any outstanding verification issues after publication of progress scenario results should be addressed through updates to the QAPP before the Sept. 1 Initial Review Deadline	September 1, 2023