

Federal Facilities Workgroup

Agenda

Date: January, 10, 2023

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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Agenda Item, (Discussion Lead), and Desired Outcome	Materials, Notes, and Action Items
<p>Introductions and Announcements (Greg Allen)</p> <p>- Remaining timeline for finalizing the B&C BMP Analysis Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Final – January 5 (BC to incorporate changes to the presentation in the report)• Check-in call – January 17• EPA Review by – January 19• Pre-Final to FFWG for Fatal Flaw Review – January 26• FFWG Comments due by – February 16• FFWG Comment review call – February 21• Final Report – March 7	<p>Members should be on the lookout for the B&C BMP Analysis Report by the end of January. Members will be asked to review by February 16th. Greg noted that he was hopeful that the report will go out prior to the 26th. Folks will have a little bit more that 2 weeks for the review.</p>
<p>Status of the Annual Progress Review- (Oliva Devereux)</p> <p>Olivia will give a status update on the 2022 Annual Progress Review</p>	<p>We are amid the 2022 progress year. Our progress year run from July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022. Oliva gave an update on the jurisdiction side of progress review. Oliva ran through some updates for each jurisdiction and noted that agricultural acres, construction, and harvested forest acres are all attributed to nonfederal agencies.</p> <p>The jurisdictions that are finished reporting for non-point sources are VA and DC. The jurisdictions that are finished with point sources are DE, NY, PA, and WV.</p> <p>DC needs to revise all its non-significant wastewater data; they reported no nitrogen reduction. They will also be updating their stream restoration data. DC has worked hard to over the last 9 months to reconcile records with DOD and GSA for the 2022 progress report.</p>

	<p>Delaware is resubmitting a couple ag BMPS to ensure they are accurate. They did update their point source data as well.</p> <p>Maryland there are some expected updates to erosion and sediment control BMPs. They are expected to update their commodity covers crops and likely their animal waste management system as well. They will also be updating flow split data. Maryland has until February 7th to submit their revised data, so if you are a federal agency you may want to check their MD data in NEIEN ASAP.</p> <p>New York is double checking some BMPS that were done in late May and June, so they want to make sure they are included. No updates are expected.</p> <p>Pennsylvania is dealing with some technical issues that are working on being resolved. Storm Water Performance Standards should see some updates. Some other ag BMPs are also expected to be updated. Lisa Beatty of PA DEP noted that they are working on the fixes.</p> <p>West Virginia is doing an update to their nutrient management core BMP for phosphorus.</p> <p>Virginia's Non-point source data looked really good. Everything seemed to move smoothly through the BMP warehouse. The wastewater data is forthcoming.</p> <p>All agencies can look at the data jurisdictions submitted and make sure it is correct. You can view the data on CAST. If you do not have access, you can email Olivia to get access to the latest progress scenario.</p>
<p>Understanding the actions that are being taken to improve the percent of creditable BMPs (Greg Allen)</p> <p>What is your agency/department doing to help improve the percent of creditable BMPs?</p>	<p>Greg pulled up Table 2-3. "BMP Credit Evaluation Results, Percent of Eligible BMPs Present in CAST" from the draft B&C report. The table shows the percent of eligible BMPs (or BMPs that the watershed model recognizes) that make it into NIEN and then into CAST. The goal is to get all the eligible BMPs to 100%. When you get to a high level of completeness, we can use the data to make estimates of progress and remaining level of effort need to federal planning goals. For the report B&C uses a completeness of 95%, that 95% was determined because we cannot estimate remaining work to be done with a partial record. There are only 5 instances where there were 95% being hit: 3 DoD in MD, NY, and PA. and then there were 2 for NPS in PA and VA.</p>

Greg then opened the floor to comments about what agencies can be doing to help get out completeness up:

- Alicia Ritzenthaler of DOEE noted that from the time the B&C report was done there have been some improvements made for agencies in DC. We are in talks with NPS to figure out their gaps. If other agencies want to talk, please reach out.
- Greg noted that in the upcoming months meetings with jurisdictions about federal priorities like FPGs.
- Kevin Du Bois of DoD talked about how as a part of milestone reporting he has summarized the collaborative work that has been done between DoD and DC. Keeping track of that work helps with accountability of effort and helps with turn over of staff. Having it clear helps keep the work moving.
 - * DoD is also interested in working collaboratively with the Army Corp to understand where their BMPs and practically historical BMPs are located to better understand DODs crediting reports because Army Corp is considered DoD.
 - * Greg noted that the model doesn't recognize the Army Corps reservoirs as nutrient and sediment sinks, but the land around the reservoirs has the opportunity to be included.
- Renee Senos of NPS raised that she hopes the Table 2-3 will be annotated with some notes such as NPS reported BMPs to MD in 2021, and for whatever reason they were not enter into CAST. Its not fair to say that NPS did not submit, NPS did but MD did not report on NPS BMPs.
 - * Greg showed Table 2-1 which does show the submittal of NPS data in MD. Renee notated that yes it shows up in 2-1 but not 2-3 so some additional context would help make the tables are report more accurate. Greg notated that 2-1 shows who submitted data and 2-3 shows specifically how much is eligible through CAST. B&C may be able to add more language to better distinguish the two.
- Greg asked what are the planned set of actions that are on going as to why agencies like park service are not making it through in MD. Mike McMahon of MDE noted that he is going to go back and discuss these issues with folks like Greg Sandi.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Beatty of PA DEP noted that there might be some errors with historical BMPs in things like wet ponds and that there is some work to be done to double check because some BMPs did not get credit. • Kevin Mclean of VA DEQ noted that they are working through some gathering of better data with on going conversations. VA DOF is working with feds to get better forest data. The forest action strategy plan has an RFP out to help lead that initiative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Katie Brownson of USFS noted that the forest action strategy plans will most likely not have a lot over overlap for national forests. There is a lot of turnovers in the national forests, and some hand holding might be needed to make sure we are getting their BMPs recorded properly. A specific meeting with national forest staff should get on the calendar sooner rather than later. * Lisa Beatty of PA DEP noted that they take the 1.5% default rate for harvested forest and just report those acres. Lisa also asked if there was an opportunity for the FFWG to coordinate with Gettysburg NPS in regard to Adamas County CAP plan. Adams County has urban nutrient management plans that Gettysburg was not receptive to and that there may be an opportunity for the FFWG to help alleviate that roadblock. Rene Senos of NPS national capital region noted that she can help with this break down of communication as they have worked with Gettysburg BMP initiatives. <p>Action Item: NPS requested that there be additional context given for Table 2-3 to ensure that people know that Table 2-3 shows credited BMPs and not outright reporting.</p> <p>Action Item: FFWG coordination team is committed more state specific meetings to get states on the same page in terms of federal issues.</p> <p>Action Item: Specific meeting National Forest folks from USFS to make sure that they are reporting accurately and understand how to report.</p>
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