

Future Milestones

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Near Term Milestones

- ▶ Propose partnership continue to use milestones during Phase 2 Beyond 2025 discussions
- ▶ Maintain continuity and accountability under the Phase 3 WIPs
- ▶ “Near term” milestones are those milestones that span 2026 through when there are new targets established by the partnership using the Phase 7 modeling tools.

Recommendation for Near Term Milestone Duration and Process

- ▶ Maintain two-year milestone schedule (January 2026-December 2027)
- ▶ Partners will develop 1-3-page high level programmatic actions to continue to support implementing the Phase III WIP during the milestone period
 - ▶ Option remains to provide more detailed programmatic milestones
 - ▶ Innovative actions are recognized but not evaluated based on their outcome.
- ▶ At the end of the two-year milestone period, partners will develop a 2-page fact sheet outlining successes, barriers, and actions to overcome barriers in meeting programmatic initiatives and implementation.

Feedback on the Near Term Milestones Recommendation

- ▶ The WQGIT had consensus for the recommended approach for milestone process and duration.
 - ▶ 3 partners agreed with reservations preferring annual programmatic updates and feedback loop process
 - ▶ 1 partner expressed a preference for three-year milestones and 2 partners were open to either two- or three-year milestones.
- ▶ There were 4 options related to process and 3 options related to duration that were considered based on multiple feedback sessions in WQGIT meetings.

Follow up

- ▶ Milestones beyond Phase 7 model targets will likely be part of Phase 2 Beyond 2025 discussions and those discussions will likely be assigned to the Milestones Workgroup
- ▶ QUESTIONS?
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