

Chesapeake Bay Program Updates

Stakeholders Advisory Committee Quarterly—September 2023



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AGENDA

- October 19th Executive Council Meeting
- September Principals' Staff Committee Agenda
- EPA Response to the Inspector General's Report
- Key Current CBP Requests For Applications
- CBP Response to Stakeholders' 2022 Recommendations

October 19th Executive Council Meeting

Private Lunch:

- Advisory Committee Reports and Discussion
- Discussion on Reaching 2025 Recommendations
- Nomination and Election of 2024 Chair

Public Meeting:

- Guest Speaker Remarks
- EC Member Remarks
- Press Conference

September PSC Agenda

- The Road Ahead for the Partnership: Reaching and Beyond 2025
- EC Meeting Update
- Final Recommendations in Response to PSC Charges on CAST

EPA Response to the Inspector General's Report

“The EPA Should Update Its Strategy, Goals, Deadlines, and Accountability Framework to Better Lead the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Efforts”

- Strategy on Non-Point Sources is needed
- Timeline for pollution controls and practices in place to meet TMDL
- Assurance mechanism regarding TMDL

EPA Response to the Inspector General's Report

June 2022 OIG initiated the evaluation

June 2022 to April 2023 Region 3 coordinated with OIG staff

April 6, 2023 OIG released the draft report

May 15, 2023 EPA provided a response to the draft report

July 18, 2023: OIG issued the final report

September 15, 2023 Response to the final report due

Key Current CBP Requests For Applications

- Chesapeake Bay Outreach and Engagement Support (Oct 9 deadline)
- Methodologies and Tools to Support Climate-Resilient Communities (Sept 22 deadline)
- Coordination of the Small Watershed Grants and Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants (IIJA Sept 15, Appropriations Sept 18)
 - New - Community Capacity Building Activity

CBP Response to 2022 Recommendations

- Enforce existing regulations, target priority practices with co-benefits, and provide technical assistance for implementation.
- Provide stipends to eligible volunteers.
- Coordinate a watershed-wide approach to planning for large-scale solar development in our region.

Questions?

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