



**Scientific Technical Assessment
and Reporting (STAR) Team Meeting**

Theme: Outcome Assessment Support

Thursday, January 23rd, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join by Webinar (Microsoft Teams)

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AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 AM Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ken Hyer (US Geological Survey, USGS) and Kimberly Van Meter (Penn State), STAR chair and vice chair, Breck Sullivan (USGS) STAR Coordinator, Peter Tango (USGS) CBP Monitoring Coordinator

Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Workshops and Webinars

- [14th National Monitoring Conference](#) – March 10-12, 2025, Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- [The 35th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium](#) – April 8-10, 2025, Lexington, VA.

10:05 – 10:20 2025 Indicator publishing schedule – Doug Bell (EPA)

The Status and Trends Workgroup (STWG, within STAR) is beginning to scope a 2025 work schedule for ChesapeakeProgress, considering modifications to the Strategy Review System and pending modifications to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, particularly for those outcomes with milestone dates of 2025. Doug Bell, Status and Trends Coordinator, will explain the request to Goal Implementation Teams (GITs)/Outcome leads to support this schedule, followed by time for questions. Each GIT/Outcome lead should have received an email regarding the below request from the

STWG which will help develop a publication schedule for indicators and any communication products in 2025:

1. If your Outcome has an indicator (particularly with a milestone date of 2025), do you anticipate an Indicator update at some point during 2025 as part of your regular data collection schedule? If yes, when will data be ready to begin the update process?
2. In 2022, all Outcomes were assessed for their attainment (i.e., completed, on-course, off-course). Will your GIT or Workgroup be able to make a similar determination by August 2025.
 - a. We assume the work burden would be a status update, rather than a holistic assessment of attainment that was performed in 2022.
 - b. August is suggested given the lead time to produce a product before the December 2025 EC meeting.

10:20 – 10:35

Elevating conservation in the Chesapeake Bay Program – Breck Sullivan (USGS), Katherine Brownson (USDA), Peter Claggett (USGS)

Breck will provide a brief background on how conservation has risen to an important topic in the outcome assessment. Katie Brownson, Forest Workgroup Coordinator, and Peter Claggett, Healthy Watersheds GIT Coordinator, will share their own ideas on how to incorporate conservation in outcomes and across the CBP. Please note these ideas are not final and are subject to changes in their respective workgroups/GITs.

10:35 – 11:25

Discussion on integrating conservation - All

Discussion reserved for asking questions and providing comments on the two ideas shared by Katie and Peter. Other outcomes may share their ideas on integrating conservation within their outcome/outputs.

11:25 – 12:00

Follow up to November 2024 STAR *Initial Response to Outcome Assessment*: All GITs- Round Robin

Based on the previous discussion and discussions with your relative GITs/workgroups, what is each outcome lean towards to, “*provide advice to the Management Board on whether to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace, reclassify, or add new outcomes.*” You are welcome to state the outcome is considering multiple paths and your response is subject to change based on more discussions. This information will help with future STAR and GIT Chair planning, and it

provides an opportunity to share how a response for one outcome may impact the response of another outcome.

12:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 6th

STAR is offering to host three meetings for the outcomes presenting to the Management Board (MB) in between the time their materials are due and the MB meeting. These meetings objectives include:

- Opportunity for Outcome leads to practice their elevator pitch for their Outcome Assessment Meeting and gain input from participants.
- Opportunity for participants to review and familiarize themselves with material prior to Outcome Assessment Meeting.
- Discuss options for outcomes and make connections between outcomes.

The dates are the following, and please reach out to Breck Sullivan (bsullivan@chesapeakebay.net) if you have any questions.

- *Feb 6th*: meeting for first group of outcome assessment ([link](#)).
- *Feb 20th* (Afternoon so to not overlap with Wetland Workgroup meeting): meeting for second group of outcome assessment ([link](#)).
- *March 7th*: meeting for third group of outcome assessment ([link](#)).