

**Chesapeake Bay Program  
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Conference Call (remote only)

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Agenda Item and Desired Outcome	Time	Background Docs, Notes, and <b>Action Items</b>
<b>1. Introductions and Announcements</b> – Greg Allen, EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beyond 2025 updates, timeline</li> <li>PFAS Quarterlies schedule/recap</li> </ul>	1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beyond 2025 Steering Committee <a href="#">Page</a>, January B25 <a href="#">Presentation</a>, Dec B25 <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>TCW January Meeting PFAS Quarterly Menti <a href="#">Results</a></li> <li>Greg covered updates on the Beyond 2025 process including the fact that small groups have formed to focus on issues like water quality and the schedule for those groups' conclusions being delivered to the steering committee. Emily recapped the PFAS Quarterlies in 2023 and covered the schedule for 2024 based on the Menti in January.</li> </ul>
<b>2. PCB TMDL Roundtable – Updates and Progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA Region 3 – Ashley Geiger, Water Division</li> <li>Delaware – John Cargill, DNREC</li> <li>Maryland – Len Schugam, MDE</li> <li>Virginia – Mark Richards, VA DEQ</li> </ul>	1:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCB TMDL Roundtable Synthesis <a href="#">Report</a></li> <li>Updates PCB <a href="#">Storymap</a></li> <li>Vision 2.0 <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>Ashley Geiger, EPA presented an overview of the states' prioritization frameworks for 303(d) including PA and MD, and took a question on PA's inclusion of toxics in their framework.</li> <li>John Cargill, DNREC provided an update on DE's PCB work which is going on concurrent to work on other contaminants. DE is working with municipalities on their permits and planning to deal with PCBs and with the EPA although the time frame could be 5-10 years. John mentioned that DE is considering a FCA for PCBs in Blue Catfish in the Delaware river. John took questions on topics such as PCB concentrations in fish on the Nanticoke, the degree to which DNREC was monitoring jurisdictions after they submitted permits, and applicability of the restoration plans to other watersheds.</li> <li>Len Schugam, MDE presented on the timeline for jurisdictions to finalize plans and priorities for TMDLs by the end of the year, and updates on the Beaverdam Creek PCB remediation, which is in the stage of gathering data.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Richards, VADEQ presented on implementation plans on sections of the Rappahannock and James rivers, the latter of which is near areas of biosolid application, and mentioned a site in the Potomac Watershed called Louis Creek where work was being done. Comments were made on the intricacies of remediation near railyards.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Possible GIT Funding Opportunity Brainstorming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA CBPO leadership is meeting with the Goal Implementation Teams (GITs) to determine funding needs. TCW should develop 1-2 concrete priorities to forward to the WQGIT. For consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PFAS science needs from quarterlies and STAC report</li> <li>STAR/STAC science needs</li> <li>Management strategy gaps</li> <li>Compare and consolidate PCB guidance</li> <li>PCBs in schools</li> <li>Education outreach - FCAs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STAC PFAS <a href="#">Report</a>, Science <a href="#">Summary</a></li> <li>STAR Science Needs <a href="#">Database</a></li> <li>The group discussed ideas for GIT funding and other issues on the following jamboards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Main Discussion</a></li> <li><a href="#">Additional Funding Ideas</a></li> <li><a href="#">Biosolids</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> TCW Members with additional feedback on GIT Funding Ideas should continue to add to the Jamboard as necessary.</p>
<b>Wrap Up and Adjourn</b>	3:00	<b>Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>