

**Chesapeake Bay Program
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Call (remote only)

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Actions and Decisions

ACTION: TCW Members with questions on the Beyond 2025 process should email Greg Allen, EPA (allen.greg@epa.gov)

Agenda Item and Desired Outcome	Time	Background Docs, Notes, and Action Items
1. Introductions and Announcements – Greg Allen, EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFAS Quarterly coming April 10, 2024! Theme – Ecological Effects of PFAS Across the Trophic Levels, 3 technical speakers including Dr. Chris Salice, Towson University; Dr. Vicki Blazer, USGS, and Dr. Natalie Karouna, USGS. New paper (Nowel and others, 2024) suggests that multiple lines of evidence point to pesticides affecting stream invertebrate communities and that insecticides are probably cause of stream invertebrate impairments. 	1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Link: Multiple lines of evidence point to pesticides as stressors affecting invertebrate communities in small streams in five United States regions - ScienceDirect Bay Journal Article on James River PCB TMDL Greg Allen, EPA provided updates including an introduction to next month's PFAS Quarterly meeting on Ecological Effects of PFAS Across Trophic Levels, and an overview of a new paper on pesticides.
2. PCB Roundtable Follow-up - Greg Allen, EPA; George Onyullo, DOEE; Dev Murali, DOEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A summary from the previous meeting and on overview by DOEE on progress in the Anacostia river and other efforts related to PCBs in the District. 	1:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Allen, EPA provided a summary of the previous meeting on PCB TMDLs which TCW Leadership hopes to turn into a summary sheet across jurisdictions. Dev Murali, DOEE provided updates on the District's work with PCBs. This included that they are finishing their response to the 30% Basis of Design report for the Anacostia River sediments project and hope to finish the 60% Basis of Design report by June in addition to the 90/100% Basis of Design by the end of the year. Dev also discussed the benefits of carbon treatment for PCBs and how monitoring could mitigate some of the downsides, the adequacy of the design storm in the report, and sampling plans for indicators. Questions included those on area treated with carbon, impacts of carbon on the benthic community, and the work on Lower Beaverdam Creek. Website for the Anacostia River Sediment Project and other Anacostia work.
3. TCW Funding Ideas - Greg Allen, EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCW members will be asked to review the Funding Ideas document and open mic for any additional thoughts and suggestions. 	1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCW GIT Funding Project Ideas Document Greg Allen, EPA facilitated a review of TCW Leadership's funding ideas for the 2024 round of GIT Funding. TCW members participated in a Mentimeter exercise to prioritize the ideas, with 'Guidance on Selecting PFAS Analytical Approaches' taking the top spot. Mentimeter results

<p>4. Beyond 2025 Process Update and Opportunities to Provide Input - Greg Allen, EPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg will provide an update from the recent two-day Beyond 2025 Small Group Symposium and what is known about next steps leading to recommendations to the Executive Council December 2024. 	1:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Allen, EPA provided updates on the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee’s work, specifically the timeline for their work over the coming year, the process for Small Groups forming, their timeline for delivering a report to the main steering committee, and opportunities for TCW members to participate and advocate for TCW priorities, which are present in almost all of the Small Groups. <p>ACTION: TCW Members with questions on the Beyond 2025 process should email Greg Allen, EPA (allen.greg@epa.gov)</p>
Wrap Up and Adjourn	2:00	Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10 th , 2024