

**Chesapeake Bay Program's
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup**

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: Conference Call (remote only)

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1. Introductions and Announcements – Greg Allen, EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brooke Kline, Summer 2023 C-StREAM intern intro PCB Symposium on Source Identification and Tracking follow up New USGS Paper on PFAS in tapwater 	1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCB Symposium on Source Identification and Tracking materials USGS PFAS in tapwater paper Greg Allen, EPA provided updates including the introduction of Brooke Kline, TCW's C-StREAM intern who will work on biosolid applications in CBW, an update on the PCB Symposium, and a new USGS Paper on PFAS in tapwater which found a significant prevalence of the chemical across the United States.
2. Overview of Science Needs – Emily Majcher, USGS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily will provide an overview on current TCW science needs as a prelude to group jamboard discussion at the end of the meeting 	1:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Emily Majcher, USGS went over current science needs and recommendations from the STAC, and detailed the focus on capacity building at the meeting.
3. EPA EC SDC Grant Presentation – Gabriella Neusner, EPA R3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gabriella will present on the EPA's Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (SDC) grant program. Jurisdiction representatives will have the opportunity for Q&A with Gabriella 	1:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EC-SDC Program webpage EC-SDC Implementation manual EC Funding Sources factsheet Presentation Gabriella Neusner, EPA presented on the EPA's EC-SDC grant program which is being funded by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Gabriella covered background on the program, priorities, how to apply, money available, and timeline. The presentation was followed by discussion on implementation details.

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4. ROAR Presentation – Kaylyn Gootman, EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kaylyn will present on the Regional-ORD Applied Research Program (ROAR)There will be time for Q&A afterwards	1:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ROAR FactsheetKaylyn Gootman, EPA and Regina Poeske, EPA covered the ROAR program's background, goals, and how to apply, followed by a brief discussion.
5. Update on Restoration Research Program – Sadie Drescher, Chesapeake Bay Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sadie will discuss recent developments in the pooled monitoring program and highlights of a recent meeting. Sadie will review current projects funded through pooled monitoring and discuss the potential for future involvement, ie TCW's proposal on enhanced PCB monitoring.	2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationAnimated SlideSadie Drescher, Chesapeake Bay Trust presented on the Trust's Pooled Monitoring Initiative including history, example projects, and how to get involved. The presentation was followed by discussion around implementation of the program.
6. Collaborative Discussion on Matching TCW Science Needs with Funding Resources	2:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jamboard PDFEmily Majcher, USGS facilitated a discussion on how jurisdictions could take advantage of the opportunities presented at the meeting such as EC-SDC and ROAR.
Wrap Up and Adjourn	3:00	Next meeting: Wednesday, August 9th, 2023