

Chesapeake Bay Program
Toxic Contaminants Workgroup
Office Hours Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 11th, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: Conference Call (remote only)

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Actions and Decisions: *There were no actions and decisions at this meeting.*

Agenda Item and Desired Outcome	Time	Background Docs, Notes, and Action Items
1. Introduction –Greg Allen, EPA Update on what we know about next steps for the Beyond 2025 including review of the EC charge and the Outcome Assessment, which is needed for the Toxic Contaminants Goal and Outcomes. Review how the workgroup currently adds value.	2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Allen, EPA provided an overview of why these office hours were convened and context around the Beyond 2025 process.
2. Work Session on Key Elements of the Outcome Evaluation Input on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The question of whether to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes Challenges Time-scale Value-added 	2:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Greg Allen, EPA gave a presentation explaining the EC charge behind Beyond 2025, the current Management Board process and timeline as it relates to the Outcome Assessment, and details on the Outcomes. Challenges, Time Element, and Value Added for the TCW.
3. Changes to the Outcome Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Research</u>: Add PFAS and rewrite the last sentence to emphasize technology not the nutrient/sediment TMDL? <u>Policy and Prevention</u>: A quantitative goal with time element for PCB TMDLs? Mention other statutory programs? 	2:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Allen, EPA facilitated a discussion around changes to the Outcome language and priorities. Discussion covered plastic pollution and the role/place of PPAT in the program (potentially moving under TCW), the Trash TMDL and numeric/qualitative targets, centering the goal around impacts to human/living resource health, whether to shift from toxics like PCBs and Mercury to more emergent issues like PFAS, and the extent to which TCW can coordinate with and assist local governments.
Wrap Up and Adjourn	2:55	Next meeting: January 14th, 2025 [PFAS Quarterly]