

## **MILESTONE WORKGROUP CONFERENCE CALL**

**April 30, 2013 9-10:30 am**

**Conference Call Phone Number:** 866-299-3188, code 215-814-5422

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Calendar Entry for Milestone Workgroup Call:

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Welcome/Confirm Call Participants**

- Nita Sylvester ([Sylvester.nita@epa.gov](mailto:Sylvester.nita@epa.gov); 410-267-5711) will be the point of contact for milestones while Suzanne is out on maternity leave.
- Milestone related questions/concerns over the next month should go to Suzanne and Nita to ensure a response.

#### **Timing of milestone submissions**

- Updated "Milestone Timing" document is posted to the Milestone calendar entry link listed above.
- All jurisdictions on the call were supportive of the revised due dates
- The date in which a final progress run is provided may vary by jurisdiction depending on the number of revisions.
- PA still has concerns with using constant delivery factors. This issue is being handled at the WQGIT level at this time. This will be discussed on the May 13 WQGIT call.

#### **Reporting format of milestones for the 2013 EC meeting**

- Due to timing of the 2013 EC meeting and likely signing of a new agreement, anticipate that interim progress on milestones will not be a focus at the 2013 EC meeting.
- At this time there is no expectation for EPA to develop factsheets for the interim milestone progress, as in prior years.
- If an individual jurisdiction would like to develop a factsheet to highlight progress that is up to the individual jurisdiction.
- Expect EPA and jurisdictions will develop factsheets next year for the final milestone progress results and to outline the new 14-15 milestones.
- Progress run information and links to programmatic milestone updates are on Chesapeake Stat
- Doreen Vetter will send links to each jurisdiction with their current milestone language on ChesStat for review. If a jurisdiction would like to update the language they will work directly with Doreen to revise the language on Ches Stat.

## **2012 Progress Run on 2010 background conditions**

- Jeff Sweeney presented PowerPoint (available on Milestone Calendar link above) showing the 2011 and 2012 progress run information on 2010 background conditions compared to the 2013 milestone target. Jeff also included the 2011 and 2012 progress run information on current year background conditions for jurisdiction comparison.
- Green numbers mean target has been achieved and red numbers mean there is still a gap to meet the 2013 targets.
- Detailed information has been posted to each jurisdictions password protected site.
- EPA to provide a revised timeline which includes progress run due dates and the revised milestone submission due dates. (See e-mail attachments)
- EPA is working with USGS to negotiate the due date for submitting NRCS data in time for jurisdictions to review.
- Katherine Antos is following up with Rich Batiuk on questions regarding NRCS data for voluntary, non-cost share BMPs submitted for progress runs and if/how credited in progress runs. Nita/Suzanne will share the response with the MS workgroup when available.

## **Open Discussion of additional topics**

- Expect the 2015 background conditions to be available to jurisdictions ~July 2013. This will be discussed on the May 13 WQGIT call.
- There is a recommendation coming from the Ag workgroup to be presented on the May 13 WQGIT call which involves updating the background condition information on an annual basis or as new data becomes available. This will impact our recent MSWG decision for milestone evaluations if we want to keep a static target to achieve. 2015 background conditions will be developed this summer, prior to the benefit of the updated Ag census data. So come 2015 when we evaluate milestone progress it will not be based on “updated” conditions. If we update the background information every year then the milestone target will change slightly each year.
- This is a heads up to the MSWG that this will be discussed on the May 13 WQGIT call. At this time, this issue will be handled at the GIT level. If folks would like a MSWG call specific to this issue, please alert Nita and Suzanne so we can arrange a workgroup call to further discuss this issue.

## **Potential topics for future calls**

- Having a consistent methodology for developing milestones for wastewater. Some jurisdictions used design flow, some projected actual flows. We should have a consistent mechanism to project loads from wastewater for milestones.

- How will EPA determine if the 2015 milestone submission is “on track” to meeting 2017?
- Evaluating wastewater in 2013. Maryland is leading this issue and is developing an alternative recommendation to present to the wastewater workgroup for review. Maryland will let Nita/Suzanne know when this issue is ready to be brought back to the Milestone WG.

**Summarize follow up actions**