

**Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**August 9, 2012**  
**9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**  
**USFWS Annapolis Field Office Conference Room**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**  
**Conference Call Number- 866.299.3188, Code- 410.267.5731**  
**Virtual Meeting Room- <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/agwg/>**

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**09:30**                      **Welcome and Introductions**                      **Coale**

**09:40**                      **AgWG Meeting Minutes**                      **Coale**  
Frank Coale, AgWG Chair, will lead a discussion on the review and approval of the minutes from the July 19, 2012 workgroup meeting at the USFWS Annapolis Field Office.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendation

**09:45**                      **Agricultural BMP Verification Process**                      **Coale/Dubin**  
Frank and Mark Dubin, AgWG Coordinator, will provide an overview of the workgroup's progress to date and the latest updates on the development of an agricultural BMP verification protocol based on the draft verification principles developed by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's (WQGIT) BMP Verification Steering Committee.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

**10:00**                      **Agricultural BMP Verification Assistance**                      **Dubin/Dressing/Meals**  
In response to the AgWG's request for technical assistance in identifying recognized reference sources of agricultural verification protocols, EPA has provided access to Tetra Tech services. Mark is currently working with Steve Dressing and Don Meals from Tetra Tech to implement a national literature search and conduct survey interviews with recognized experts to identify potential reference sources for the workgroup.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

**10:15**                      **Agricultural Expert Review Panel Overview**                      **Coale**  
Frank will provide a brief review of the four agricultural panels currently activated by the workgroup based on the priorities established by the members. The panel chairs and technical support staff will be providing a status report of activities for each of the four agricultural panels.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

**10:30 Poultry Litter Subcommittee (PLS) Glancey/Dubin**  
Jim Glancey, panel UD Chair, and Mark will provide a status report of the PLS activities, including evaluation focus, panel structure and membership, planned evaluation products, and estimated recommendation development timeline.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

**10:45 Agricultural Nutrient Management Panel Coale/Dressing**  
Frank Coale, panel UM Chair, and Steve Dressing, Tetra Tech, will provide a status report of the NM Panel activities, including evaluation focus, panel structure and membership, planned evaluation products, and estimated recommendation development timeline. The panel has recently completed a comprehensive survey of nutrient management systems and programs from across the watershed. Steve will be providing an overview of the report's findings.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

**11:15 Conservation Tillage Panel Thomason/Zendehdel**  
Wade Thomason, panel VT Chair, and Kamran Zendehdel, Tetra Tech, will provide a status report of the CT panel activities, including evaluation focus, panel structure and membership, planned evaluation products, and estimated recommendation development timeline. The panel is currently completing a comprehensive survey of conservation tillage management systems and programs from across the watershed. Kamran will be providing a preliminary overview of the survey.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

**11:30 Cover Crops Panel Meisinger/Zendehdel**  
Jack Meisinger, panel ARS Chair, and Kamran Zendehdel, Tetra Tech, will provide a status report of the CC panel activities, including evaluation focus, panel structure and membership, planned evaluation products, and estimated recommendation development timeline. The panel is currently completing a comprehensive survey of conservation tillage management systems and programs from across the watershed. Kamran will be providing a preliminary overview of the survey.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation

**11:45 Agricultural Expert Review Panel Comments Coale**  
Frank will moderate a partnership discussion on the status reports provided by the panel chairs and their technical support staff.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

**12:00**                      **Luncheon Break**

<b>01:00</b>	<b>Mid-Point Assessment Priorities</b>	<b>Batiuk</b>
	Rich Batiuk, EPA-CBP Associate Director for Science, will provide a brief presentation on the overall process and schedule for the CBP partnership's mid-point assessment.	

<b>01:10</b>	<b>Mid-Point Assessment Priorities - Jurisdictions</b>	<b>Coale</b>
	<p>Frank will facilitate a discussion with the jurisdictional members on the top priorities for CBP partnership models and other decision support tool refinements, land use/land cover representation, agricultural production data utilization, and BMP integration. Members are requested to concisely review their top priorities.</p>	

Order of Comments: Virginia  
West Virginia  
Maryland  
Delaware  
Pennsylvania  
New York

### ACTION REQUESTED: Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

<b>02:20</b>	<b>Mid-Point Assessment Priorities - Partners</b>	<b>Coale</b>
	<p>Frank will facilitate a discussion with the partner members on the top priorities for CBP partnership models and other decision support tool refinements, land use/land cover representation, agricultural production data utilization, and BMP integration. Members are requested to concisely review their top priorities.</p>	

### **ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:00	<p><b>Mid-Point Assessment Recommendations</b></p> <p>Frank and Mark will provide an overview of the workgroup’s combined recommendations for review and approval. The approved recommendations will be presented to the Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG) and the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team (WQGIT) to convey the workgroup’s opinions in preparation for the critical planning discussions over the next several months.</p>	<p><b>Coale/Dubin</b></p>
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### **ACTION REQUESTED:** Workgroup Participation and Recommendations

03:15      Review of AgWG Recommendations      Coale/Dubin

The members will review and finalize the workgroup's meeting recommendations for endorsement and implementation.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Finalized Workgroup Recommendations

**03:30          Adjourn**

**Conference Call Materials:**

Participants are requested to review the materials posted on the AgWG webpage for the meeting. Some documents may be posted just prior to the meeting, so please check back.

**Agenda Schedule:**

The meeting agenda is reflective of known information at the time of publication and may be subject to change due to other circumstances. Additional agenda items may be added if time is available.

**Luncheon Information:**

Workgroup members may either bring their lunch to the meeting room, or utilize one of the food establishments nearby.