

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

January 19th, 2017

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Joint AgWG and WTWG Conference Call Meeting Agenda

Conference line: 866-299-3188 Code: 2675715#

Adobe Connect: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/agwg/>

Meeting materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24774>

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| 10:00 | Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll-call of the governance body• Roll-call of the meeting participants• Approval of meeting minutes from the December 19th meeting.• Call for nominations for 1-year AgWG at-large membership positions. All nominations are due to Lindsey Gordon (Gordon.lindsey@epa.gov) and Mark Dubin (mdubin@chesapeakebay.net), with resume or CV, by January 31st. Please note that current 1-year term members are eligible for re-nomination. | Workgroup Chairs |
| 10:10 | Status of Phase 6 Panel Recommendations <p>Mark will update the workgroup on the status of the completed Phase 6 BMP Expert Panel Recommendation Reports, and ongoing Phase 6 Expert Panels.</p> | Mark Dubin |
| 10:20 | Cover Crops Panel Technical Appendix (Appendix A) <p>Jeff will present two proposals for the reporting of Cover Crops BMPS in the Phase 6 NEIEN system, to be included as the technical appendix (Appendix A) of the partnership approved Panel's final report. One option presented will be similar to previous panel report technical appendices, and the second option will be a simplified version for reportable Cover Crop BMPs.</p> <p>Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve Appendix A of the Phase 6 Cover Crops Panel report.</p> <p>Decision: The WTWG will be asked to approve Appendix A of the Phase 6 Cover Crops Panel report.</p> | Jeff Sweeney |
| 11:00 | Closeout Phase 6 AgWG BMP Expert Panels <p>The workgroup chairs will ask the AgWG to officially close out the work of the completed Phase 6 BMP Expert Panels, including Conservation Tillage, Manure Incorporation and Injection, Animal Waste Management Systems, and the Cover Crops Panel (dependent on the outcome of the Technical Appendix discussion).</p> <p>Decision: The AgWG will be asked to officially close out the work of the completed Phase 6 BMP Expert Panels.</p> | Workgroup Chairs |

11:10 **Statistical Confidence for alternate BMP verification methods** Mark Dubin
Following discussions from the AgWG's December 15th meeting, Mark will discuss a proposal to establish a workgroup standard for statistical confidence of agricultural BMPs that are submitted through alternative BMP verification methods. The AgWG will be asked to make a formal recommendation on setting these standards during a proposed January 23rd interim meeting.

11:40 **Discussion of AgWG meeting schedule for January and February** Mark Dubin
Mark will discuss a proposed change in meeting dates for the AgWG during the January and February timeframe.

11:50 **Wrap-Up/Review of Action and Decision Items/Announcements** Workgroup Chairs, M. Dubin, L. Gordon
Lindsey will review the actions and decisions from the meeting.

12:00 **Adjourn**

Next meeting: (Proposed) Thursday, January 26th 10:00 – 2:00 Face-to-Face Meeting
USGS Baltimore Office, UMBC Business Park