

Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

January 26th, 2017

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

AgWG & WTWG Joint Face-to-Face Meeting Agenda

USGS Offices in Baltimore MD

5522 Research Park Dr, Catonsville, MD 21228

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

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

Meeting materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/24860/>

10:00 **Welcome, introductions, roll-call, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Chairs

- Roll-call of the governance body
- Roll-call of the meeting participants
- Approval of meeting minutes from the January 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.

10:10 **Statistical Confidence for Alternate BMP Verification Methods** Mark Dubin, Tetra Tech
Representatives, USDA Representatives

Following discussions from the AgWG's January 15th meeting, the workgroup will discuss a proposal to establish a new standard for statistical confidence of agricultural BMPs that are submitted through alternative BMP verification methods.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to make a formal recommendation on establishing a statistical confidence standard for uniformly evaluating agricultural BMPs that are submitted through alternative BMP verification methods.

11:30 **Cover Crops Panel Technical Appendix (Appendix A)** Matt Johnston

Two options for reporting Cover Crops BMPs in the Phase 6 NEIEN system, to be included in the technical appendix (Appendix A) of the partnership approved panel report, will be presented. Option A will be similar to previous panel report technical appendices, and Option B will be a simplified version for reportable Cover Crops BMPs.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to approve Appendix A of the Phase 6 Cover Crops Panel report.

Decision: The WTWG will be asked to approve Appendix A of the Phase 6 Cover Crops Panel report.

12:00 **Break for Lunch**

01:00 **Submitting BMPs on Federal Agriculture Land** Sarah Diebel, Jeff Sweeney, Gary Shenk
Sarah Diebel with the US DOD, Jeff Sweeney with the EPA-CBPO, and Gary Shenk with the USGS will present an overview on the extent of agricultural lands on Federal facilities, and the present question on how to best represent the implementation of BMPs and the management of these Federal agricultural lands within the Phase 6 modeling tools. The workgroup will review several options to address this question, and form a recommendation for the WQGIT to derive a decision for the Phase 6 modeling tools and Phase 3 WIP planning tools.

Decision: The AgWG will be asked to make a formal recommendation to the WQGIT on the method for best assuring that BMPs implemented on Federal agricultural lands are tracked, verified, credited in the Phase 6 modeling tools, and represented in the Phase 3 WIP planning tools.

01:55 **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.

02:00 **Adjourn**

Next meeting: Thursday, February 16th 10:00 – 12:00 Conference Call