

Path Forward to Partnership Decision Making on the Basinwide BMP Verification Framework

CBP Principals' Staff Committee Briefing

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Progress in Past 374 Days*

- ✓ Verification principles approved
- ✓ Verification protocols drafted
 - Agriculture, forestry, stormwater, wastewater, streams, and wetlands
- ✓ Independent Verification Review Panel convened
- ✓ Basinwide 1619 data sharing agreement drafted and being discussed with states, USDA
- ✓ Dialogue underway on call for expanded NRCS data collection/reporting

*Yes, this number includes weekends and holidays as verification never sleeps!

Progress in Past 374 Days

- ✓ Solid draft jurisdiction-specific procedures for eliminating double counting
- ✓ Jurisdictions working on possible approaches for clean-up of historical BMP data (since 1985)
- ✓ Draft expectations for jurisdictional BMP verification documentation in existing QA plans
- ✓ Deep enough now to come up against some significant programmatic and policy issues

Current Status

- BMP Verification Committee has requested more time
 - Can't deliver by May PSC meeting
 - Using March 13 meeting to lay out revised schedule up through PSC decision making

- Actively engaging three advisory committees
 - Citizens: call for increased transparency
 - Scientific and Technical: future evaluation process
 - Local Governments: ramp up implementation over time

Current Status

- Expanded focus on agricultural protocols
 - Small group tackling Ag Workgroup request for transparency guidance
 - Small group being formed to work verification of planning practices

- Direct dialogue with USDA underway
 - 1619 data sharing agreement
 - Enhanced data collection and reporting

Current Status

- Verification Committee focused on:
 - Ensuring protocols are equitable across source sectors
 - Ensuring more robust jurisdictional review, buy-in
 - Framing out process/options for ramping up enhanced verification program implementation over time
 - Developing a process and procedures for partnership review, approval of verification protocols for future practices, treatments, and technologies

Forthcoming Issues

- Responding to calls for increased transparency
- Decisions on how to ramp up enhance verification over time
- Verification of practices where there is no cost-share (ag, forestry) or regulatory (stormwater) framework present

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