ATTACHMENT A

Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's
BMP Verification Framework Decision-making Process

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September 5, 2012

Previously Agreed to Verification Principles Decision-Making Process/Schedule

<u>2012</u>

- **August**: BMP Verification Committee makes further refinements to the revised draft principles based on individual members' recommended revised language and approves transmittal of revised draft principles to the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team.

- **September**: Water Quality Goal Implementation Team reviews the revised draft principles, makes further refinements as needed, and approves transmittal of the revised draft principles to the BMP Verification Review Panel.

- **October**: BMP Verification Review Panel reviews the revised draft principles and recommends further refinements.

- **October/November**: BMP Verification Committee responds to feedback from the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's and the BMP Verification Review Panel's feedback and recommended refinements and transmits final draft BMP verification principles to the CBP Management Board.

- **November**: CBP Management Board reviews the final draft BMP verification principles, makes any necessary refinements, and approves transmittal to the Principals' Staff Committee for final review and adoption on behalf of the CBP partnership.

<u>2013</u>

- **January**: CBP Principals' Staff Committee reviews, makes any final refinements to, and adopts the BMP Verification Principles on behalf of the CBP partnership.

Proposed Decision-Making Process and Schedule for Overall Framework

<u>2012</u>

- **September 12**: BMP Verification Committee reviews the current status of the full suite of the basinwide BMP verification framework components— BMP verification protocols, BMP verification review panel, procedures for ensuring full accounting of federal cost shared practices/addressing double counting, and procedures for clean-up of historical BMP databases (except principles which are on a earlier decision track)—to determine if they are ready for review and approval by the rest of the partnership or the Committee requests one more final schedule extension from the Management Board.

- **September 13**: BMP Verification Review Committee requests a final change to the BMP verification schedule from the partnership's Management Board.

- **Fall/Winter**: BMP Verification Review Panel reviews the draft revised BMP protocols as developed to date by the source sector and habitat restoration workgroups.

2013

- **January**: BMP Verification Committee meets with workgroup chairs and coordinators to the: 1) finalize draft BMP verification protocols; 2) agree to procedures for ensuring full access to federal cost shared conservation practices and addressing double counting; 3) accept the Watershed Technical Workgroup's recommended procedures for cleaning up historical BMP databases; 4) agree on the Communications Workgroup's recommendations for a basinwide communication strategy; 5) agree on level of documentation required from the jurisdictions on describing their BMP verification program for presentation to the BMP Verification Review Panel; and 6) agree on exactly what will be presented to the Principals' Staff Committee for final review and adoption.

- **February**: CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team and the Habitat Goal Implementation Team review the complete draft basinwide BMP verification framework. The BMP Verification Committee responses to comments and requests for changes.

- **March**: CBP Management Board reviews the complete draft basinwide BMP verification framework. The BMP Verification Committee responses to comments and requests for changes and then seeks the Board's approval for transmittal to the Principals' Staff Committee for final review and adoption on behalf of the CBP partnership.

- **April**: CBP Principals' Staff Committee reviews and adopts the BMP Verification Framework on behalf of the CBP partnership.