**Chesapeake Bay Program Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
BMP Verification Committee's February 21, 2013 Meeting**

Attachment M

**Current Status and Recommended Next Steps for the Chesapeake Bay
Basinwide BMP Verification Framework Components**

Framework Component	Current Status/Next Steps
Verification principles	• Principals' Staff Committee approved the CBP Partnership's five BMP verification principles at its December 5, 2012 meeting
Verification protocols	• The six source sector and habitat restoration workgroups are presenting their draft final verification protocols to the Committee at the February 21, 2013 meeting • Based on feedback from the Committee members, the workgroups will make the requested changes to the protocols in preparation for further review up the CBP management structure
Jurisdiction specific procedures for eliminating double counting	• USGS has developed the jurisdictional specific procedures and is currently completing a report documenting each of the procedures • USGS will distribute its final report to the Committee members and jurisdictional contacts for final review and comment
Basinwide 1619 data sharing agreement	• A revised draft "Chesapeake Bay Watershed Cooperators 1619 Data Sharing Agreement" has been distributed to the Committee • The revised draft agreement has also been shared with senior USDA managers for review and feedback • A small group of state agency representatives will be meeting with NRCS and FSA representatives to work out the final language for the data sharing agreement
USDA agreement to enhance data collection and reporting of cost shared practices	• A two page rationale paper has been shared with the Committee • Based on direction from the Committee, Susan Marquart and Rich Batiuk are following through on opportunities for addressing the Partnership's need for enhanced data collection through NRCS's Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative • Follow through with NRCS will be scheduled

	after agreement is reached on the Chesapeake Bay watershed-wide 1619 data sharing agreement
Procedures for the clean-up of historical BMP databases	• All jurisdictions aside from the District of Columbia have developed internal descriptions of possible lines of effort or actions or actions that they may pursue to clean up the historical record of best management practices. The jurisdictions do not anticipate submitting final workplans for this task in the coming months, but will continue to discuss the issues and tasks involved at the Watershed Technical Workgroup level. • At the February 21, 2013 meeting, Matt Johnston will to discuss specific concerns the states have with Committee members.
Partnership process for evaluating and adopting future BMP verification protocols and procedures	• Committee discussion of this partnership process is on the agenda for the February 21, 2013 meeting
Jurisdictional BMP verification documentation expectations for their existing quality assurance plans	• The Committee reviewed the initial draft recommendations for jurisdictional verification documentation • During its February 21, 2013 meeting, the Committee will review the revised set of recommendations
Communications strategy	• The Partnership's Communications Workgroup met in January 2013 and discussed a BMP verification communications strategy in detail • Margaret Enloe will present the Workgroup's findings and recommendations to the Committee at its February 21, 2013 meeting

Discussion points for the Committee:
- Are there any components missing from the above listing of components of the basinwide verification framework?
- Are there any components for which you are concerned are not making sufficient progress to be ready for presentation to the BMP Verification Review Panel in March, the Management Board in April, and the Principals' Staff Committee in May?
- Is the Committee comfortable with proceeding forward with sharing all the framework components with the Principals' Staff Committee in May with a request for their review and adoption on behalf of the larger partnership?

Recommended Next Steps:
- Follow through on the specific next steps discussed and agreed to for each framework component.
- CBPO staff will work from the Committee's approved expanded BMP verification documentation report outline and begin to assemble the report, with the goal of sharing a complete draft with the Committee before the end of March.