

Sent on behalf of Jenn Volk, WQGIT Chair

WQGIT Source Sector Workgroups:

Historically, BMPs implemented in the past have received credit in each subsequent year within the Chesapeake Bay Program modeling tools without further reporting of verification, inspections or maintenance of the practices. As part of the calibration process for the Phase 6 Watershed Model, Bay watershed jurisdictions should begin tracking not only when BMPs are implemented, but when those same BMPs are inspected and/or maintained. Each BMP will have a limited “credit duration” in the Phase 6 Watershed Model during which time the BMP will receive credit following implementation. Each year, a subset of BMPs will surpass their years of eligibility (credit duration), and will need to be inspected or maintained to verify they are still functioning properly, and to receive additional years of credit.

To help institute this concept, I am asking each source sector workgroup to review the current draft credit durations listed in the attached spreadsheets. The draft credit durations were derived from the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST). Each workgroup chair should review existing expert panel BMP reports, workgroup verification guidance and state/federal technical BMP guidance to determine if changes are needed to the draft credit durations. **Please highlight any changes to the spreadsheets, and provide these changes as well as supporting explanations for why the workgroup opted to make these changes to Matt Johnston, Chesapeake Bay Program’s Non-Point Source Data Analyst (mjohnston@chesapeakebay.net) by COB, March 31, 2015.** Additionally, any ongoing or new expert panels should provide recommendations for credit durations in their expert panel reports.

Matt has offered to present on this information to each of your workgroups, if requested. Therefore, please let him know if you wish to schedule such a presentation within the February/early March timeframe.

Thank you,
Jenn Volk