

Attachment 2

Basinwide 1619 Agreement

Benefits to each jurisdiction

Adopting a basinwide 1619 agreement provides benefits to most Chesapeake Bay Jurisdictions. A basinwide agreement assures that all jurisdictions are receiving the same comprehensive data. This will make reporting to the Chesapeake Bay Program more uniform.

Staff time for the jurisdictions and for USDA will be conserved if there is a single data request to USDA for all jurisdictions. Data received is in one file, and data formatting occurs once. Data is then broken up by jurisdiction and each jurisdiction receives only its data.

The agreement is drafted so that no jurisdiction that is already receiving USDA data will receive less data or be further constrained, even if the jurisdiction's purpose is beyond assessing the environmental impact of practices.

Anticipated signatories:

- U. S. Geological Survey
- Maryland Department of Agriculture
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- West Virginia Department of Agriculture
- West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- New York Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Note: sharing is anticipated between USGS and the agencies within each state, not directly among the states. For example, sharing would occur with data provided by USDA to USGS and WVDA and WVDEP. The WV data would not be shared with other states.

Table 1: How a basinwide Cooperator Agreement (1619 agreement) could help each jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Result of adopting a basinwide 1619	Current Agreement
WV	Consistent data among all WV agencies involved in annual implementation reporting	Yes
PA	Allow data to be shared in unaggregated form, possibly allowing more reporting of practices that are also funded by various state agencies. The unaggregated data allows more careful removing of duplicates	No

Jurisdiction	Result of adopting a basinwide 1619	Current Agreement
NY	Consistent data types from all conservation districts. A unified approach to collecting data, cutting down on staff time involved	Yes
DE	Allow data to be shared in unaggregated form. Leading to increased knowledge about which practices are implemented and where	No
MD	Ability to secure data in a streamlined process, and receive more data elements	Yes
VA	No change	Yes
USGS	No change	Yes

Table 2: Comparison of Existing USDA Cooperator Agreements (1619 agreements)

Jurisdiction	Agency	Purpose 1	Purpose 2	Data covered	Start date	Expire date
MD	MDA	Conservation cooperator with NRCS.	Provide conservation services, monitoring, assessing or eval.	All	10/27/09	none
VA	DCR	Provide technical assistance to NRCS		Lists specific data that may be viewed	12/4/09	none
NY	USC	Conservation cooperator with NRCS.	Provide conservation services, monitoring, assessing or eval.	Not specified	3/3/11	none
WV	WV CA	Tracking for Bay TMDL-NRCS		AWMS and mortality disposal systems	2/21/12	3/1/13
WV	WV DA	Assist with delivery of conservation-related services-NRCS	Monitoring, assessing, or evaluating conservation benefits	Not limited	4/7/12	none

-	USGS	Provide technical or financial assistance to FSA	Provide monitoring, assessing or eval.	CRP and CREP programs	8/2/10	9/30/15
-	USGS	Provide technical or financial assistance to NRCS	Provide monitoring, assessing or eval.	Farm Bill programs	11/20/10	9/30/15