

# Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG)

February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

DRAFT Meeting Agenda

**Delaware Department of Agriculture  
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Dover, DE 19901**

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## February 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-3:30 PM

- 11:00 **Welcome, introductions, review meeting minutes** Workgroup Co-Chairs  
The Agriculture Workgroup Co-Chairs will introduce the draft minutes from the January 21<sup>st</sup> conference call.
- 11:05 **The Role of Crediting Practices in the Chesapeake Bay Restoration** Shawn Garvin  
Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin, U.S. EPA Region 3, will provide remarks on the role of crediting practices for nutrient and sediment reductions in the partnership's Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts.
- 11:25 **Nutrient Management Task Force Update** Workgroup Co-Chairs  
The Nutrient Management Task Force will update the AgWG on the final version of the crosswalk report, which includes additional information on compliance acreage based on the three NM tiers.
- DECISION: The AgWG will be asked to approve the final crosswalk report of the Task Force.
- 11:50 **EPA's Response to the Nutrient Management Task Force Report and Next Steps** Kelly Shenk  
Kelly Shenk will discuss the utility of the Task Force's report in confirming the nutrient management acres reported for credit by each state. In the event where compliance documentation and data are limited, EPA will discuss its plans for evaluating additional information to either bolster the state submissions or to inform any necessary adjustments.
- 1:00 **Break for lunch**
- 1:30 **Animal Waste Phase 6 Panel** Jeremy Hanson  
Jeremy Hanson will update the AgWG on the progress of the Animal Waste Phase 6 BMP Panel.

- 1:45 **Manure Technology Phase 6 Panel** Jeremy Hanson  
Jeremy Hanson will update the AgWG on the progress of the Manure Technology Phase 6 BMP Panel.
- 2:00 **Workgroup Phase 6.0 Beta Review of the Watershed Model** Mark Dubin  
Mark Dubin will update the AgWG on an upcoming webinar to initiate a workgroup review of the implementation and incorporation of Phosphorous management and the land use loading ratios into the Phase 6.0 beta version of the Watershed Model.
- 2:15 **Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee Update** Matt Johnston, Curtis Dell  
Matt Johnston and Curt Dell will update the AgWG on the progress made by the Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee, and the outcomes of their face-to-face meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2:45 **State Round-Robin Discussion on Analysis of Scenario Builder Documentation** John Rhoderick  
John will lead an informal round-robin with the state representatives to discuss their analysis and initial comments on the Scenario Builder documentation and data that has been hosted and distributed by the Agricultural Modeling Subcommittee.
- 3:00 **Phase 6 Drainage Ditch Management BMP Proposal** Chris Brosch, Clint Gill  
Chris Brosch and Clint Gill will present a revised version of a proposed scope of work to establish a Phase 6 Drainage Ditch Management BMP Panel. Proposed membership of the panel will also be discussed.
- DECISION: The AgWG will be asked to approve a revised proposed scope of work to establish a Phase 6 Drainage Ditch Management BMP Panel.
- 3:25 **Animal Mortalities Facility Freezers Interim BMP Proposal** Chris Brosch  
Chris will update the workgroup on a recent request to the Chesapeake Bay Program Office for establishing an interim definition and efficiency for poultry mortality freezer systems. Approved interim BMPs can only be used for planning purposes associated with Milestones and WIPs.
- 3:30 **Adjourn**

February 18<sup>th</sup>: 9:00-2:30 PM

- 9:00 **Welcome and Introductions** Workgroup Co-Chairs
- 9:05 **Cover Crop Phase 6 Panel** Ken Staver  
Ken Staver will brief the AgWG on the status of developing a recommendation report by the Phase 6 Cover Crops BMP Panel.
- 9:30 **Nutrient Management Phase 6 Panel** Frank Coale  
Frank Coale will brief the AgWG on the status of developing a recommendation report by the Phase 6 Nutrient Management BMP Panel.

- 10:00 **Conservation Tillage Phase 6 Panel** Mark Dubin  
Mark Dubin, on behalf of the Panel Chair Wade Thomason, will brief the AgWG on the status of developing a recommendation report by the Phase 6 Conservation Tillage BMP Panel.
- 10:25 **Break**
- 10:35 **Manure Injection/Incorporation Phase 6 Panel** Curtis Dell  
Curt Dell will brief the AgWG on the status of developing a recommendation report by the Phase 6 Manure Injection/Incorporation BMP Panel.
- 11:00 **Agriculture Stillwater & Cropland Irrigation BMP Panel Membership** Mark Dubin  
Mark Dubin will present the previously approved panel charges and proposed membership for establishing the Agriculture Stillwater and Cropland Irrigation BMP Panels.
- DECISION: The AgWG will be asked to endorse the proposed membership for establishing the Agriculture Stillwater and Cropland Irrigation BMP Panels.
- 11:30 **Break for lunch**
- 12:00 **Poultry Data Collection Efforts** Mark Dubin  
Mark Dubin will update the AgWG on the ongoing efforts to continue collection of poultry production data across the Bay region with the assistance of program partners and the industry.
- 12:15 **Toxics Report** Tom Scheuler  
Tom will present two reports that were developed as part of an FY14 GIT funding project to review the existing literature on the potential toxic reduction benefits from traditional nutrient and sediment BMPs. The first report examines the urban sector, while the second report addresses the agricultural and wastewater sectors.
- 12:45 **Election of new AgWG Chair and Vice-Chair**  
The Agriculture Workgroup will be asked to select and approve of a new workgroup chair and vice-chair based on nominated candidates. The recommendations of the workgroup will be submitted to the WQGIT for final partnership approval as per the governance protocols.
- DECISION: The AgWG will be asked to approve the recommendation of a new workgroup chair and vice-chair.
- 2:00 **Review of AgWG Accomplishments** Workgroup Co-Chairs
- 2:20 **Review Meeting Recommendations and Action Items** Lindsey Gordon
- 2:30 **Adjourn**