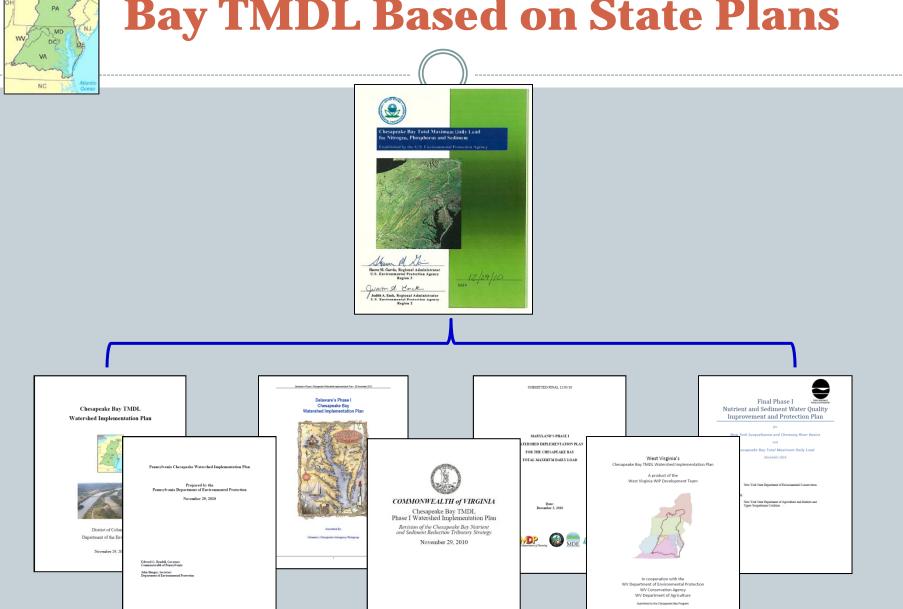
# EPA's Evaluation of Bay Jurisdictions' Draft Phase II WIPs & Final 2012-2013 Milestones

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# **Bay TMDL Based on State Plans**





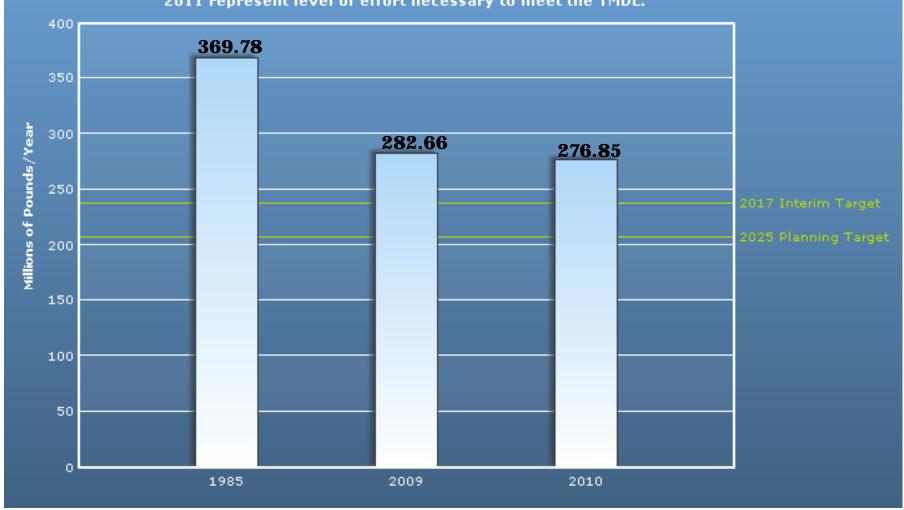
### **Across the Watershed**

We are – and have
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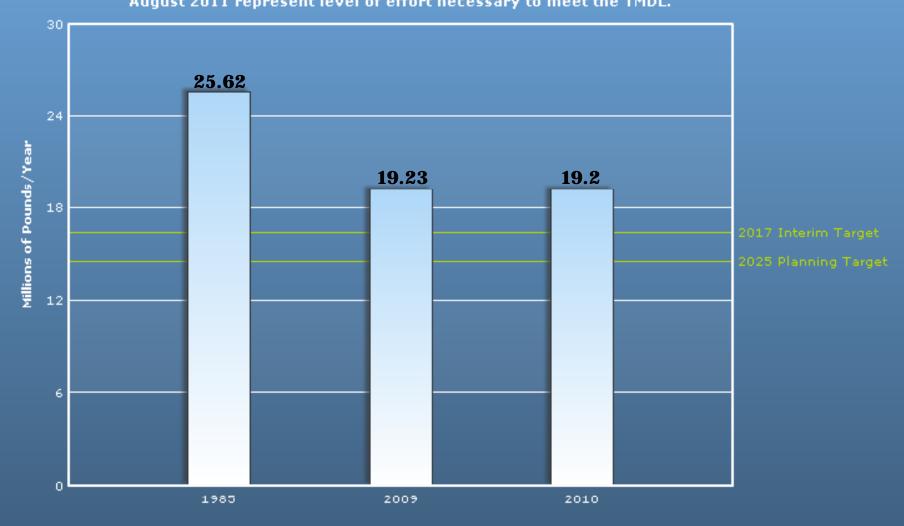
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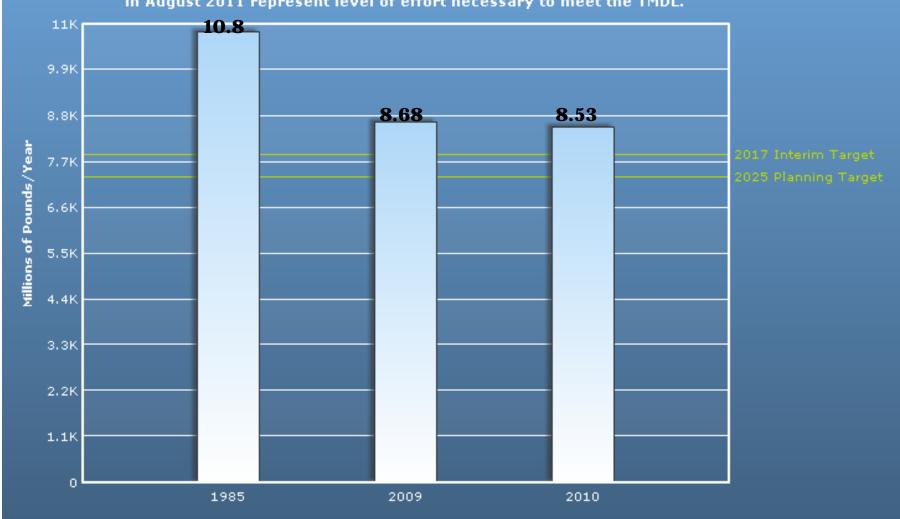
#### Phosphorus Loads to the Bay\*

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### **Across the Watershed**

#### Phase II is about taking it local

- Key evaluation points of draft Phase II WIPs and final 2012-2013 milestones:
  - Local stakeholder involvement in WIP/Milestone development and implementation
  - No backsliding from Phase I WIP commitments (i.e. reasonable assurance just as strong as in the Phase I WIP)
  - Improved reasonable assurance in sectors that received backstop actions, allocations, or adjustments or enhanced oversight in Bay TMDL
  - 2012-2013 milestones reflect commitments to necessary, near-term actions to achieve long-term cleanup goals



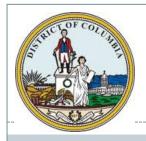
#### **Across the Watershed**

- Generally jurisdictions are on track in meeting pollution reduction targets by 2017 and 2025.
- More specificity was included on clean-up strategies and how they apply to the local level.
- EPA expects improved reasonable assurance in some sectors.
- **EPA will continue to work with the jurisdictions** to address concerns between now and March 30, 2012.



#### **Delaware**

- Overall, the draft Phase II WIP and final 2012-2013 milestones meet EPA expectations.
  - No backsliding from key commitments or reasonable assurance in Phase I WIP.
  - Local partners and other key stakeholders were engaged.
  - The 2025 draft input deck meets the Phase II WIP planning targets.
  - Final 2012-2013 milestones align with key WIP commitments.
  - Increased staff and new stormwater and offset regulations.
- Maintain "ongoing oversight" for all sectors to ensure commitments are implemented.



#### **District of Columbia**

- Overall, the draft Phase II WIP and final 2012-2013 milestones meet EPA expectations.
  - Commendable progress engaging and assigning target loads to federal agencies.
  - Final 2012-2013 milestones identified important near-term commitments to implement WIP strategies.
  - The 2017 & 2025 input decks meet the Phase II WIP planning targets.
  - Strong emphasis on capacity building and upgrades at Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant.
  - Implementing MS4 permit and new stormwater regulations requiring a retention standard.
- Maintain "ongoing oversight" for all sectors to ensure commitments are implemented.



## Maryland

### Overall, the draft Phase II WIP and final 2012-2013 milestones meet EPA expectations.

- Implementation of a significant local engagement initiative with key stakeholders.
- Commitments to upgrade significant numbers of on-site systems and connect others to wastewater treatment plants.
- Expansion of trading program to include ecosystem services.
- Committed to a schedule to reissue Phase I & II MS4 permits.
- Final 2012-2013 milestones identify important near-term commitments to implement WIP strategies.
- Appropriate and important emphasis on local financing of stormwater BMP implementation.
- Maintain "ongoing oversight" for all sectors to ensure commitments are implemented.



#### **New York**

- New York has not submitted a complete draft Phase II WIP that is publicly available and has yet to submit a final 2012-2013 milestone input deck.
- EPA expects New York to submit a final Phase II WIP by March 30.
- EPA will review the Phase II WIP and milestones to determine whether to take federal actions or change the level of oversight.



### Pennsylvania

- Progress is being made on several commitments from the Phase I WIP that are reflected in the Phase II WIP.
  - Provides updated information for activities since the Phase I WIP.
  - 2025 WIP input deck approximately meets the Phase II WIP planning targets.
  - Development of statewide guidance for addressing stormwater offsets to be complete in early 2013.
- Milestones for agriculture and wastewater generally align with strategies in draft Phase II WIP.
- Maintain "enhanced oversight" for all sectors and backstop adjustments for stormwater to ensure commitments are implemented.



### Pennsylvania

- Improvements EPA expects Pennsylvania to address in Final Phase II WIP and 2012-2013 milestones to avoid federal actions for all sectors:
  - Further detail on how to assure compliance with existing state regulations.
  - Additional agricultural milestones to advance manure to energy technologies.
  - Greater alignment between stormwater milestones and WIP commitments.
  - Additional clarity on the process for on-going local engagement.



## Virginia

- The draft Phase II WIP provides some updated information on progress since finalizing the Phase I WIP.
  - Conducted extensive amount of outreach to local stakeholders.
  - Process for continuing local engagement during implementation is expected in final Phase II WIP.
- No Phase II WIP input deck submission
  - Submission of WIP and Milestone input decks in advance of the Final Phase II WIP deadline is expected.
- Most of Virginia's programmatic milestones are in alignment with the Phase I and II WIP commitments.
  - Additional details on process for achieving stormwater commitments given the continued backlog of expired MS4 permits is expected.
- Maintain "ongoing oversight" for all sectors to ensure that commitments are implemented — with the exception of the stormwater sector, which will remain in "enhanced oversight."



## **West Virginia**

- The draft Phase II WIP demonstrates substantial improvements compared to the Phase I WIP.
  - Significant amount of outreach conducted with local stakeholders.
  - Plan is directly informed by local agricultural producers and demonstrates stronger reasonable assurance.
  - Identifies stormwater regulations as a contingency if urban stormwater strategy goals are not achieved.
  - Developed a basic framework for an offsets and trading program.
- Final 2012-2013 milestones closely align with WIP commitments.
- Upgrade agriculture sector from a "backstop action" to "enhanced oversight," and stormwater and wastewater sectors from "enhanced oversight" to "ongoing oversight" to ensure commitments are implemented.

### **Next Steps**

- EPA will continue to work with the Bay jurisdictions to address any outstanding issues leading up to the Phase II WIP deadline.
- March 30, 2012: Final Phase II WIPs and amendments to Final 2012-2013 Milestones due to EPA.
- Post-March 30: Potential for federal actions based on evaluation of final Phase II WIPs and...

#### Focus on implementation!