

Federal Facilities Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Date: November 10, 2020

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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| Introductions (John Maleri) | 10:00-10:10 | <u>Summary of Action Items</u> |
| Brown and Caldwell Update (Stephanie Hanses, Stephanie MacDurmon) | 10:10- 10:50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task B Summary Table • Task C- Calculation of Federal Planning Goals • Task D- Comparison of FPGs and WIP III Final Scenario • Stephanie MacDurman presented an overview of Brown and Caldwell's results and draft report on the 2019 Federal Agency Progress Evaluation. This includes the results and assessment of the 2019 Progress scenario, FPGs calculation and comparison, and recommendations for both federal agencies and jurisdictions moving forward. • <i>Table 2-17. BMP Count in 2019 Progress by Agency and Jurisdiction</i>, Summarized the results of fed agency data accuracy rating of what's in CAST, number of BMPs credited in 2019 progress scenario, out of the number we expect to be credited. Overall results were low and med quality, range of issues and observations contributing. Action item: if your agency has unknown for the number of BMPs expected to be credited, or if there's no value, you can still provide this information to Stephanie, Vanessa, or Greg before the end of November to |

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| | | <p>incorporate your input in the report Greg walked through the table and led discussion with members on the discrepancy in the BMP count, need a complete record to judge the FPGs.</p> <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John- Can you go into more how the expected numbers were shared, what records they came from? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data is reported to the jurisdictions in jurisdiction templates, but in some cases, it's received like an internal tracking sheet. Using the template, looking at the required fields the jurisdictions expect to see, and then used that to assess the records that should be credited. Rough evaluation, based on the data and the form it was provided in. • Greg- Next step is resolving the discrepancies in the numbers. Working on finding a contact for ARS, which shows no BMP records in 2019, and we aren't sure how many there should be. But these two facilities have been reporting for years, so we expect many BMPs- we want it to be complete. The gap in DoD BMPs, reported vs expected, why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kevin- Lack of data, failed inspection or maintenance, some of those deficiencies need to be resolved with the jurisdictions. DoD is working on closing the gap. • Alana- the discrepancy in WV is probably from an issue with the agency code, need assistance. • John- this chart is the first look at where we stand and what's showing up in the reporting. 2020 progress is coming up, is there a plan to do a quick count from that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stephanie- Not in this contract but encourage federal agencies to think about this data in context of 2020 reporting, making sure you're submitting data and providing as much information in your reporting. 2020 will be our first opportunity to make improvements. • Jennifer- Submitted preliminary data on NOAA facilities but do not see it in the chart, will connect after with Stephanie. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greg- these 8 agencies will have an output in the Phase 6 model. NOAA is captured in "other" currently, not as an individual agency landowner- make sure we keep a visible record of NOAA's work. • Olivia- States are due to submit data on Dec 1, by Friday it will be QA/QC'd and put through CAST. Let Olivia or Greg know if you want to see the results/reports. Hosting webinar Dec 10 at noon with Megan Thyne- on how to QA QC the annual |

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| | | <p>data submitted by the states. You can find information about the webinar here: https://cast.chesapeakebay.net/Learning/FreeTrainingVideos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg- Can see having a dashboard for the tables in this report, where over time we can see how complete the record is and capture model outputs there, this is a fluid moving thing, and this is just a snapshot. How can we make sure it gets up to date and stays that way? Hoping for more EPA funds to continue this work- if fed agencies and states feel that this work is meaningful and helpful, send an email to Jim Edwards saying you appreciate this work and hope to find a way to keep BC's support, edward.james@epa.gov. • Stephanie continued presenting the draft report, assessing the sources of FPGs for federal agencies, the calculation methodologies, and a comparison of the level of effort needed to each FPG source. She reviewed the state summary graphs showing the % reduction required from 2019 progress scenario for WIP III final and EPA default method. • We'll review the results in a full 1-hour webinar in December, this report will be released for comment before that webinar. Bring questions to the webinar, tentatively week of December 14. <p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin- At some point, need to find out how the states are going to take the additional reductions attributable to climate change, and how they can be passed to facilities and how we can incorporate additional reductions in our federal planning goals in 2021, 2022. How to address those additional reductions, especially with 2025 approaching. We need to begin thinking about this now. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greg- James Martin could help- he's working out policies relating to climate change additional load and how it's distributed. Keep on list of agenda items and getting the right people to tell us where it stands and what federal agencies can expect. ○ Kevin- Things are likely to change in the near future and we will need an update on the report, something else to mention in an email to Jim to continue BC support. • John- DC has no plans to push climate change reductions onto fed agencies. Calculations pending on PSC approval, but this is how they are operating now for efforts through 2025. Other jurisdictions have any comments? • Greg discussed the importance of understanding the calculations of the FPGs. Both jurisdiction and EPA have calculated planning goals, the EPA default is an equitable |

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| | | <p>method that uses land use types that fed agencies report and track at an equitable rate. Agenda items for work right away, we need the jurisdictions to help us understand whether they have an approach that was carried through WIP III final compared to EPA default method, goal is clarity and stability on how the FPGs were calculated. The format aligns with the model, not a facility by facility but by agency and in state basins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ted- Would the new method be adopted in a milestone change? ○ Greg- we're talking about shifting accountability from federal agencies to a state basin level. Interim goals to get there would be at the same scale. We'd have to align all the downstream parts to that scale. ○ Ted- we can do the preliminaries, and the webinar, but we probably couldn't do anything until Jan/Feb anyways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan is to keep talking, the report will go out to FFWG for review before the webinar. Need resources to keep BC involved, clarity and consensus around the BMP record, planning goals, and federal progress from the model. • Greg- need to hear from Jeff about the default method, or done over email? • Jeff- will send out documentation on EPA default method to members. Like the WIP II process, will write it up and send out. Glad to present to the group, show some graphics. • Have another meeting, bring questions/comments 1 hour, Dec 8. • Stephanie- there's a lot of new information here, goal for today was to introduce what's coming, highlight some of the data, help to focus your review when it is shared. |
| 2020 Progress Results Discussion (Greg Allen) | 10:50- 11:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>(Data Submitted to State Technical Leads for Progress Submission)</i> John asked for updates and feedback on 2020 progress submission. • Sarat- NASA has submitted to VA, does not have facilities in PA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bill Keeling is the data contact for VA. • Edits, make chart updates, and send out this afternoon, complete COB today to show to MB. • Alana- There might be a communication breakdown on "no response" implications in the chart. The acreage is small in WV, looking for a contact person. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Park service will be hiring someone soon, GSA does not plan on submitting new data. |
| Federal Lands Data Layer (John Maleri) | 11:40-11:50 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John discussed the issues with the federal data layer, looking for feedback on next steps. Hasn't been updated in 3 years, there's been consolidation/things that have been sold off, DC thinks there are some misidentified areas. It will improve the accuracy of the data and the acreage, helping the model. • Greg- getting Renee Thompson and John Wolf to hear from us on why it's important to update, and what can be done when. • Add to next workgroup agenda to assess the need, make a timeline, next steps. |
| Update, Wrap-up, Next Meeting | 11:50- 12:00 | <p><u>Looking Ahead:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown and Caldwell Webinar- week of December 14 • Additional meeting planned for December 8 • If anyone has contacts that we may be missing please reach out. <p><u>Next Meeting: January 12, 2021</u></p> |

Attendees:

Greg Allen, EPA, Coordinator
 John Maleri, DC DOEE, Co-Chair
 Shawn Norton, NPS, Co-Chair
 Pauline Adams, USFS
 Liz Dawson, FWS
 Kevin DuBois, DoD
 Jason Rinker, USACE
 Andrew May, USACE
 Sarat Calamur, NASA
 Ande Remington, NASA
 Jennifer Melton, NOAA
 Jeff Sweeney, EPA

Cassandra Davis, NY DEC
 Alana Hartman, WV DEP
 Olivia Devereux, Devereux Consulting
 Stephanie Hanes, Brown and Caldwell
 Stephanie MacDurmon, Brown and Caldwell
 Katie Chiang, USDA
 Ted Tesler, PA DEP
 Elisa Ortiz, DoD
 Vanessa Vannote, EPA
 Mike McMahon, MDE
 Sally Claggett, USFS
 Cathy Broad, USDA