



Nontidal Network (NTN) Workgroup Meeting

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Theme: Planning for Future In-Person Meeting

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AGENDA

1:00 – 1:10 PM Welcome – Peter Tango (US Geological Survey)

Announcements:

- Beyond 2025 report ([link to Draft Report](#)).
- December executive council meeting that will set the Executive charge that may impact on goals, outcomes, possibly structure and function on the Bay Program.
- November 6th, Bucks Branch field visit (contact Kaylyn Gootman, gootman.kaylyn@epa.gov)
- [National Monitoring Conference](#), March 10th-14th – Green Bay, WI.
 - Abstracts are currently under review. Good time to plan registration and logistics. Peter Tango will be leading a session.
- [Maryland Water Monitoring Council](#) Annual Conference, November 21st, 2024 – Linthicum Heights, MD. Registration is Open.

1:10 – 1:40 PM Discussion on Planning Future NTN In-Person Meetings

Peter Tango (USGS)

Description: Looking ahead for the NTN WG in-person meetings, we aim to be more intentional on fostering good communication between field technicians and management staff across all agencies meanwhile conducting field audits that maximize

staff participation. Here, NTN leadership will discuss future plans of in-person meetings and gather feedback/suggestions on how to better align our topics to technician needs.

Examples of questions for guiding our discussion include:

- 1. What challenges do you face in your current roles that we could address together during our meetings?*
- 2. What topics or themes would you find most valuable to discuss in future meetings that would enhance collaboration across all teams?*
- 3. In what ways can we better facilitate communication and collaboration between the NTN WG and tech teams on a regular basis?*
 - a. What methods or tools can we implement to streamline communication between field technicians and the NTN WG, ensuring that everyone stays informed and connected?*
 - b. How can we create more opportunities for field technicians to participate in the planning and decision-making processes within the NTN WG?*
- 4. How might we design our upcoming spring 2025 field audits to not only focus on data integrity, management, etc., but also foster team networking and knowledge sharing?*

1:40 – 1:55 PM – Form for updating Points of Contact (POC)

Gabriel Duran (CRC) and Peter Tango (USGS)

Description: Our objective is to broaden participation of the NTN WG to include field technicians and management staff across all agencies. We will present on our current list of contacts and where we see gaps - ensure we are reaching the people we need to reach. We will then circulate a [Google Form](#) and allow time for all attendees to fill the form with their most up-to-date Points of Contacts.

2:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 18th, 2024, 1 – 2:30 PM