



Principals' Staff Committee Conference Call
October 30, 2017
Actions/Decisions

Letters Concerning Recent Congressional Actions

- Action: Ann Swanson, Chesapeake Bay Commission, will make the changes discussed during the October 30 conference call to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) letter. The updated letter will be shared with PSC members for signature by the jurisdiction governors and mayor.

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) letter was updated based on PSC recommendations. Signatures from MD, CBC, DE, DC, PA, VA and WV and sent out on Nov. 8.

- Action: Secretary Ben Grumbles, MDE, will draft language for a letter from Governor Hogan on behalf of the non-federal members of the Executive Council CBP jurisdictions opposing Rep. Goodlatte's appropriations rider prohibiting backstop actions related to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Jurisdiction PSC representatives are encouraged to share concerns or suggested language during the draft process. The letter will be sent out for review.

MDE drafted a letter from EC Chair Governor Hogan on behalf of the non-federal members of the Executive Council CBP jurisdictions opposing Rep. Goodlatte's appropriations rider prohibiting backstop actions related to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Gov. Hogan sent out the final letter on Nov. 9.

Letter to Exelon

- Action: Jim Edwards, EPA, will work with James Davis-Martin and Teresa Koon, Water Quality GIT Chair and Vice Chair, to draft language for a letter addressed to Exelon that emphasizes Exelon's environmental responsibility and does not discuss 401 certification negotiations.

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Letter Regarding State 401 Authority

- Decision: Due to the time sensitivity of other letters discussed during the call, a letter regarding state CWA 401 authority will be postponed to a later date.

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Environmental Literacy Directive

- Action: Governor and mayor signatures supporting the updated version of the Executive Council's Education Directive 98-1 are needed before the December PSC retreat. Sean Corson (NOAA) and Greg Barranco (EPA) will ensure the appropriate process is followed for this action.

The Education Workgroup decided to move forward with signature of the revised directive at the EC level, but will wait until the next in-person EC meeting to provide more time for signature and to be more consistent with the way Directives have been moved forward in the past.

December PSC Retreat

- Decision: The PSC retreat will remain as scheduled for December 19-20.