

Update on Manure Treatment Technologies Expert Panel: Comments received and status following initial 30-day comment period

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Recap

- March 31: MTT panel report distributed
- April 14: Webinar presenting panel's recommendations
- April 21: Agriculture Workgroup
- May 3: Initial 30-day comment period ended (COB)
- May 19: Agriculture Workgroup

Panel report materials are available online (April 14 webinar page):
<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/23875/>

Overview

- Comments received from over a dozen partners or interested parties
 - Three state partners (VA DEQ, VA DCR, PA DEP, MDE, MDA, MD DNR) plus the Chesapeake Bay Commission
 - Non-profit and for-profit organizations, including:
 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 - Sustainable Chesapeake
 - Aqua Terra
 - EnviroKure
 - Coaltec
 - CleanBay
- Comments ranged from a few short sentences to multiple pages.

Recurring themes and issues raised

- The majority of comments covered general or specific aspects of the following non-mutually-exclusive topics:
 - Air emissions and air deposition (NO_x and Ammonia)
 - Non-treatment fate of nutrients (storage/handling, field application, etc.)
 - Tracking and Reporting
 - Modeling
 - Trading
- Comments were also provided on other miscellaneous topics
 - Edits to text/graphics
 - Questions about NVE, NSE, PSE calculations

Potential next steps

- Doug and Jeremy already working on written responses and specific proposed revisions.
 - A document detailing these responses can be provided in advance of June AgWG (goal for June 2, two weeks prior to June 16 AgWG).
- Brief WTWG on June 2
- Seek AgWG approval on June 16
- Seek WTWG approval in early July
- Seek WQGIT approval in late July or early August

Thank you!

The April 14 webinar page will remain the “one-stop shop” for the report and other materials during the review process:

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