

WQGIT procedure for referral of new BMPs proposed by NGOs, proprietors or entities other than jurisdictions (states or D.C.) or WQGIT workgroups

The WQGIT's "Protocol for the Development, Review, and Approval of Land Use Loading Estimates and Best Management Practices Effectiveness Estimates for Nutrient and Sediment Reduction" provides that proposals for efficiency or loading estimates for new or revised BMPs can be initiated by the following groups:

- A CBP technical workgroup
- A jurisdiction
- A different group/organization/agency if a CBP workgroup agrees to sponsor the recommendation through the CBP review process.

If new BMPs are proposed by entities other than a CBP technical workgroup or a jurisdiction, the WQGIT procedure for routing these requests are as follows:

1. Forward these types of requests to the WQGIT workgroup chair for the workgroup most applicable to the particular BMP. The initial determination of the most applicable workgroup will be at the discretion of the WQGIT vice-chair.
2. The workgroup chair may request to the WQGIT vice-chair that the proposed BMP be routed to an alternative technical workgroup if he/she feels that placement in another workgroup is more appropriate.
3. The workgroup chair provides a brief representation of the proposal to their respective workgroup. The workgroup chair and workgroup have discretion to determine the level of attention to devote to a particular request. For proprietary BMPs, this may include referral of the requesting entity to seek a determination of efficiency by the Technology Acceptance Reciprocity Partnership (TARP) for urban stormwater related BMPs, or National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International for septic treatment units before any further workgroup consideration.
4. The workgroup may chose to sponsor the proposed BMP through the entire WQGIT development, review, and approval process. Alternatively the workgroup may decide not to take action on a BMP.