

Revising Historic BMP Data

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Concerns

- The **focus of verification should be on new BMPs, not on historic BMPs.** There should be a different level of verification scrutiny for the historic BMPs as it may be difficult if not impossible to provide the same level of verification detail for many historic BMPs as will soon be required for future implementation.
- Jurisdictions **need more information before they can finalize their plans** to refine historic data, so final plans are not expected following the March WTWG meeting.
- The historic BMP cleanup workplans should be referred to as **“lines of effort.”** Jurisdictions would prefer to follow their own lines of effort, rather than potentially face penalties that might be incurred if a described task in a workplan is altered by a jurisdiction.
- The Chesapeake Bay Program should **propose alternative cleanup options** that might be conducted by Bay Program staff if the jurisdictions opt to devote their resources to other issues.

Questions for Verification Committee

- What will be the level of verification information required for historic data? Is statistical interpolation enough, or will verification of practices be required?
- Will there be different levels of scrutiny for different sectors? E.g., will estimated data for some urban stormwater BMPs be acceptable while verified inspection records be required for some agricultural BMPs?
- How much effort should be placed upon each previous 10-year period? Should jurisdictions prioritize efforts from 2000 through 2010, leaving 1985 through 2000 to be interpolated?