

CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
[APRIL 11TH, 2011 CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES](#)

SUMMARY OF DECISION AND ACTION ITEMS

DECISION: Ann Roda, PA DEP will serve as the chair of the new Water Quality Trading Workgroup.

DECISION: Suzanne Trevena, EPA will serve as the chair and coordinator of the new Milestones Workgroup.

ACTION: Information on the Modeling Subcommittee will be provided to the WQGIT members so that they can be involved in the May review of the Phase 5.3.2 model calibration.

ACTION: Katherine Antos will follow up with Jim Edward and Mike Fritz about whether proposed modifications to TMDL allocations can be submitted in a format other than an input deck.

ACTION: Pravin will have one-on-one discussions with the states as desired on BayTAS.

DECISION: The Maryland stormwater BMP by Era proposal was accepted by the WQGIT with the modifications proposed by the Watershed Technical Workgroup.

ACTION: States representatives should follow up with Chris Brosch on locations or timing for the upcoming Scenario Builder workshops by April 18th.

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Updates and Announcements – Larry Merrill

- Diane McNally has accepted the [get position name from Larry] vacated by Bob Koroncai
- Wednesday, April 13th joint STAR/WQGIT meeting

Water Quality Trading Workgroup

- Pat Gleason, coordinator, Victoria Kilbert, Staff
- Ann Roda nominated as chair of the group due to her experience with Pennsylvania's nutrient trading program

DECISION: Ann Roda, PA DEP will serve as the chair of the new Water Quality Trading Workgroup.

Milestones Workgroup

- Suzanne Trevena, coordinator, Rachel Streusand, Staff
- No nominations have been made for a chair outside of EPA

DECISION: Suzanne Trevena, EPA will serve as the chair and coordinator of the new Milestones Workgroup.

Modeling Updates

- Assembling latest phase of Watershed Model (WSM) and assessing affects on Water Quality Sediment Transport Model (WQSTM)
- WSM calibration ongoing, beginning riverine calibration this week through end of month
- End of April will take loads from 5.3.2 to Karl Cerco to run the WQSTM
- Likely due to better land use input, saw improvements with hydrology simulation in comparison to observed data
- May 10th quarterly review for WSM to allow state review
- WQSTM calibration through May

ACTION: Information on the Modeling Subcommittee will be provided to the WQGIT members so that they can be involved in the May review of the Phase 5.3.2 model calibration.

VA DCR Retirements

- Many managers at VA DCR retiring in May

- Russ Perkinson, WQGIT vice-chair will transition to part time in June, staying on as WQGIT Vice Chair and will oversee process of BMP protocol

Phase II WIP Guide and Schedule – Katherine Antos

- Reasonable assurance assessment for Phase II will focus on strategies that rely on working with local partners or those that have changes since Phase I WIPs. Do not need to re-demonstrate anything shown in Phase I that did not change in Ph II
- Reasonable assurance also needs to be shown for anything in the input decks
- EPA will step up coordination with other federal agencies, Greg Allen (EPA) is the lead
- Scale of local area targets decided by the jurisdictions and their partners. They will not be finer scale TMDL allocations
- Decision of scale, partners and engagement strategy are all actions that we expect jurisdictions can work on before model updates are complete and we applaud states that have already begun that process
- A week ago you should have received a note from EPA on how you can use contract hours for Phase II and providing jurisdictions with 300 additional contractor hours for Phase II, we would like to see proposed technical direction in May and reallocate as needed
- FY 2010 Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program (CBRAP) grants can be used to support Phase II WIP process; we encourage you to use these so they will be available in the future
- Phase II allows localities to know what is expected of them in 2017
- We would expect discussion of how states are going to hit longer term goal
- Jim George, MDE, expressed concern that the tight schedule will force states to simplify their efforts on the WIPs which will impact the quality of the product.
- Beth McGee, CBF, recognized this concern, but asserts that CBF was not the only drive of the schedule.
- Larry Merrill noted that the schedule reflects a need to balance many competing needs and considers input from the jurisdictions as well as other partners and stakeholders.

ACTION: Katherine Antos will follow up with Jim Edward and Mike Fritz about whether proposed modifications to TMDL allocations can be submitted in a format other than an input deck.

Update on Chesapeake Bay Tracking and Accountability System (BayTAS) – Pravin Rana

- Appendix Q did not publish how each major river basin contributed to each of the 92 tidal segments fit because there was overlap (eg, some major basins contribute to multiple segments, and some segments receive loads from multiple basins), so it was not done at that level. Now we are looking into depicting info at riverbasin level as well
- Will be engaging with the new Trading Workgroup on the offsets portion
- MD asserted that they are working to mimic info in BayTAS and to track all BMPs they submit.
- WV expressed concern with some of their state data.

ACTION: Pravin will have one-on-one discussions with the states as desired.

Watershed Technical Workgroup Recommendations on MD Stormwater BMP by Era – Chris Brosch

- NEIEN can accept GPS coordinates and that is what the WG has in mind for geo-referencing
- At this time, the “by era” sw management only applies to MD and does not affect SW reporting by other states
- (Larry Merrill noted that he and Russ Perkinson had agreed that Russ would serve as the point of contact for future BMP review requests)

DECISION: The Maryland stormwater BMP by Era proposal was accepted by the WQGIT with the recommendations by the Watershed Technical Workgroup.

Scenario Builder Workshop Updates – Chris Brosch

- Computer stations would be ideal for 3rd module, but laptops with an internet could also work
- Technical audience for Module 3 would be someone involved in CB workgroups and involved in putting together model inputs. Would be a smaller audience than those participating in Modules 1 and 2
- A conference room with screen would work from first two modules, can have separate location for breakout session in 3rd module
- Long term expectations for state for Scenario Builder is that state would be creating their own input deck. EPA communications to date have stated that progress will be assessed based on input deck. NEIEN data will automatically populate an input deck for progress runs. Scenario Builder input decks would be needed for developing milestone and WIP commitments, as NEIEN cannot be used for prospective commitments.
- NY offered a location.
- DC and DE representatives find Annapolis an acceptable location.
- PA would like to have a workshop as early as possible in State College or Harrisburg.

ACTION: States representatives should follow up with Chris Brosch on locations or timing for the upcoming Scenario Builder workshops by April 18th.

ChesapeakeStat – Doreen Vetter

- This demonstration is not what is yet available on the live website
- Feedback is needed on what should be included on milestones page
- Can download any of the data shown in graphic form
- Does not contain contextual information, just shows implementation level and any information provided through NEIEN
- NY expressed that state plans are supposed to be living documents and ChesStat should reflect those changes.
- CBF suggested that this be presented to the Citizens and Local Government Advisory Committees.

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