

**Chesapeake Bay Program's BMP Verification Program Development Update:
CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team
October 10, 2012 Conference Call**

CBP BMP Verification Review Panel Convened

The CBP Partnership's Management Board approved the BMP Verification Committee's 13 recommended nominees for Panel membership on September 13. Invitational letters, under Nick DiPasquale's signature as Management Board chair, were emailed out to each of the 13 Panel member nominees on September 18th. All 13 invited Panel members accepted their respective invitation to join the Panel. The final list of Panel members and their affiliations is as follows:

Dr. Curtis Dell	U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service University Park, Pennsylvania
Mike Gerel	Sustainable Northwest Portland, Oregon
Tim Gieseke	Ag Resource Strategies New Ulm, Minnesota
Rebecca Hanmer	Chesapeake Bay Program Citizens Advisory Committee Fredericksburg, Virginia
Dr. Dianna Hogan	U.S. Geological Survey Eastern Geographic Science Center Reston, Virginia
Richard Klein	Community and Environmental Defense Services Owings Mills, Maryland
Dr. Andrew Sharpley	University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas
Dr. Tom Simpson	Watershed Stewardship Annapolis, Maryland
Dr. Gordon Smith	Wildlife Works Carbon LLC Mill Valley, California
Rebecca Stack	District of Columbia Department of Environment Washington, DC
Dr. Robert Traver	Villanova University's Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dana York	Green Earth Connection Centreville, Maryland
Dan Zimmerman	Warwick Township Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

CBPO staff are the in the process of scheduling a Panel conference call in the October/November time frame and a face to face Panel meeting in the November/December time frame.

Advance Briefing Materials for CBP Verification Review Panel Conference Call Posted On-Line

In preparation for scheduling the Panel's initial conference call, CBPO staff have prepared and posted on-line a series of advance briefing materials to provide the Panel members with the necessary background materials well in advance of the conference call.

The conference call agenda focuses on both providing the Panel members with the necessary history and background on the CBP and its BMP verification efforts balanced with the Panel on reviewing and providing feedback on the draft verification principles.

All these advance briefing materials can be accessed through the placeholder calendar entry on the CBP Partnership's web site accessible at:

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18810/>

Please note that the date and time for the conference call will be changed to reflect the date/time selected when most of the Panel members are available.

CBP BMP Verification Review Panel Web Page Posted

CBPO staff have set up a web page on the CBP Partnership's web site devoted to the Panel at:

http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/bmp_verification_review_panel

Partners can access all the materials distributed to, presented to, and generated by the Panel through this web page.

Key Next Steps Through January 2013

The six source sector and habitat restoration **workgroups** will be focused on continued development and refinement of their draft BMP verification protocols heading towards completion of final protocol by January 2013.

The focus through January for the **BMP Review Panel** will be initially on their review and comments on draft BMP verification principles (conference call) and then on reviewing the workgroup's draft verification protocols (face to face meeting)

The **BMP Verification Committee** will be focused on working on finalizing elements of the larger BMP verification framework beyond the verification protocols.