

**Chesapeake Bay Program's BMP Verification Program Development Update:  
CBP Water Quality Goal Implementation Team  
September 24, 2012 Conference Call**

BMP Verification Principles Presented to MB

The Water Quality Goal Implementation Team approved forwarding the draft BMP Verification Principles to the Management Board (MB). The draft principles were shared with the MB at their September 13 meeting for their information only at this time. Following review by the BMP Verification Review Panel in October, the BMP Verification Committee will respond to comments from both the Panel and the WQGIT and then present a revised set of principles to the MB at their November 2012 meeting.

MB Approved BMP Verification Review Panel Nominees for Membership

At its September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Management Board approved the 13 nominees for membership on the BMP Verification Review Panel as recommended by the BMP Verification Committee. The Board's also approved the Panel's charge, how they will operate, and their overall schedule. <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18086/>

Membership Invitation Letters Sent out to BMP Verification Review Panel Nominees

Under the signature of Nick DiPasquale, Chesapeake Bay Program Office Director and Management Board Chair, letters inviting the 13 nominees to become BMP Verification Review Panel members were distributed on September 18. The Panel is being scheduled to meet via conference call during in the October/November timeframe and face to face in November/December timeframe.

MB Approved the Revised BMP Verification Schedule

At its September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Management Board approved the BMP Verification Committee's recommended revised schedule, which leads to adoption by the BMP verification framework by the Principals' Staff Committee in May 2013.

<http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/18086/>

Revised Draft BMP Verification Protocols Available On-Line

As an outcome of the BMP Verification Committee's September 12 meeting, the current draft verification protocols being developed by the five source sector workgroups—Agriculture, Forestry, Urban Stormwater, and Wastewater Treatment—and the two habitat restoration workgroups—Streams and Wetlands—are being posted on-line on the BMP Verification Committee's web page at

[http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/best\\_management\\_practices\\_bmp\\_verification\\_committee](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/groups/group/best_management_practices_bmp_verification_committee). Click on the "Projects and Resources" tab to access the current draft protocols.

Upcoming Schedule and Next Steps

[See proposed detailed schedule presented separately for WQGIT review and concurrence.]