

**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 CONFERENCE CALL**

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1:00 Welcome/Confirm Call Participants/Workgroup Updates –WQGIT Co-Chairs (15 min)

Announcements:

- Updates on the BMP verification letter
- Next conference call: October 15th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM (this is a TUESDAY due to Columbus Day)

1:15 Updates to Ag Census – Jeff Sweeney, EPA (45 min)

Jeff Sweeney, EPA-CBP, will review the history and forecast of animals and crops that incorporate the latest data from the Census of Agriculture.

2:00 Data updates to 2019 CAST– Gary Shenk, USGS (40 min)

Gary will update the WQGIT on any feedback from the Modeling Workgroup call and discuss any revisions to the nitrogen fixation rate, over-winter crops, stream sediment relation to impervious load, and the Volkswagen settlement in CAST.

2:40 MSWG recommendation to remove 2-year numeric milestones – Dianne McNally, EPA, MSWG Chair (20 min)

Recommendation: Eliminate the expectation for states and federal agencies to develop **numeric** 2-year milestones under the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Accountability Framework. Instead, state, and federal agencies will be held accountable to their short-term goals through a biennial evaluation of progress compared to the straight-line trajectory of necessary reductions to the 2025 Phase III planning targets or federal agency planning goals. If a state or federal agency so chooses, numeric 2-year milestones could be developed for the purpose of following an alternative (i.e., non-straight-line) trajectory to 2025. See [Figure 7-1](#) of the TMDL document.

Decision Requested: WQGIT approval of raising the recommendation to eliminate state and federal numeric milestones (see above) to the Management Board for decision at their October 17th meeting.

3:00 Adjourn