

## Chesapeake Bay Program Water Quality Goal Implementation Team June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Conference Call Updates

- Rescheduled July meeting due to conflict with the Executive Council meeting, which will be July 9. July WQGIT will take place Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.
- Recent WQGIT Workgroup meetings:
  - o Watershed Technical WG Watershed had a conference call on 5/29 to review the Urban Stormwater WG's BMP recommendations and to elect a new chair.
    - § The Stormwater Retrofits Expert Panel Recommendations and the Performance Standards Panel Recommendations were conditionally accepted, pending modifications and next steps. The revised recommendations will be reviewed by the WQGIT after approval from the USWG and WTWG.
    - § Alana Hartman, WV DEP, was elected as the new chair of the workgroup.
- Member Updates:
  - o Jenn Volk is moving on to Univ of Delaware at the end of the month. She's taking on a modified version of Dave Hansen's old position, working with the nutrient management program. Jenn promises that she'll still be working with CBP in her new position. Good luck and best wishes to Jenn!
- Upcoming Workgroup meetings:
  - o 6/12 Urban Stormwater WG
  - o 6/14 Agriculture WG
  - o 6/20 Trading and Offsets WG
  - o 7/10 Wastewater Treatment WG (6/5 call cancelled)
- BMP Verification Updates
  - o The draft CBP BMP Verification Principles have been revised to address the excellent and detailed feedback and direction provided by WQGIT members during the May 21 conference call. The revised draft principles were shared with WQGIT members last week.
  - o The CBP BMP Verification Committee has since distributed the revised draft BMP verification principles with the WQGIT's sources sector workgroups and with the Habitat GIT as these groups are in the process of developing their draft BMP verification protocols.
  - o Based on the revised schedule, the CBP BMP Verification Committee is meeting face to face in Annapolis on June 19 to review all the components of the overall BMP verification framework -- revised draft principles, source sector and habitat restoration verification protocols, procedures for addressing double counting, and historical data base clean-up procedures.
- On June 1, I sent out the latest version of the Wastewater Supplemental Indicator. Many comments were received; thanks to all who sent us comments. We are working to resolve all comments and are working towards a final that will be released in conjunction with the other Reducing Pollution Indicators in July around the time of the Executive Council meeting.
- Suzanne Trevena and Nita Sylvester are working with members of the Milestones Workgroup to complete the 2-pagers for the 2009-2011 and the 2012-2013 milestones.
  - o 2009-2011 milestone 2-pagers: On June 1, Nita sent an email message to the jurisdictional contacts asking if any changes were needed to the draft 2009-11 Milestone 2-pagers shared with PSC members for their 5/14/12 mtg. She explained that in order to meet the deadline to have final materials ready to send to EC members no later than June 25th (based on a July 9th EC mtg), she needed **final, approved content no later than today, June 11th**, in order to provide the CBP Communications Office time for layout and design.
  - o Many thanks to the jurisdictions who have confirmed or provided final content. This has been passed on to the Communications Office. For the remaining jurisdictions, please respond to Nita

by COB today.

- o After the Communications Office finalizes the design and layout, the 2009-2011 milestone two-pagers will be sent to each jurisdiction for a final, fatal flaw review.

- o The 2012-2013 milestone summary documents are being sent to the contractor for final formatting.

- o If there are any remaining issues with the 2012-2013 milestone summary documents, please work with Suzanne and the appropriate EPA person to resolve these concerns today or tomorrow. Similar to the 2009-2011 2-pagers, the schedule for the 2012-2013 milestone documents requires the approved content by tomorrow in order to produce final documents by June 25 for the EC meeting in July.

- o Suzanne will share the 2012-2013 milestone documents from the contractor for a final, fatal flaw review.

- o 2009-2011 MS Background:

- § DC - provided final content (made changes to "Progress Highlights" text) - final content has been provided to Margaret.

- § NY - confirmed no changes needed; version provided to PSC can be considered final - final content has been provided to Margaret.

- § WV - confirmed no changes needed; version provided to PSC can be considered final - final content has been provided to Margaret.

- § MD - asked Nita to re-send PSC version in order to double check for any needed changes.

- § VA - asked Nita to re-send PSC version in order to double check for any needed changes.

- § PA - no response. Reminder sent on June 7th

- § DE - no response. Reminder sent on June 7th

- o Thank you for efforts and quick turnaround to complete these documents for the Executive Council.

- Face-to-face meeting in the fall:

- o A couple months back, the WQGIT expressed an interest in a face-to-face workshop or meeting in the fall, and suggested that it could be a good opportunity for a more in-depth discussion of the model and midpoint assessment.

- o Suggested topics have included the 2017 midpoint assessment (which Gary will discuss today) and verification. Please let Molly, Katherine, Lucinda and I know if you have other suggested topics.

- o Early responses suggest September 27-28 as a possible meeting time.