



Chesapeake Bay Program  
Watershed Technical Workgroup (WTWG)  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, August 6, 2020  
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM  
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### Summary of Actions and Decisions

**Decision:** The WTWG approved the May and July meeting minutes.

**Action:** Jeff Sweeney will present on back- out and cut- off procedures at the September WTWG meeting.

**Action:** Jess Rigelman will draft an email detailing the deadlines and submission requirements for CAST.

### Agenda

10:00 AM – **Introductions and Announcements** – Cassandra Davis, NYSDEC (20 min.)

- Approval of the May and July Minutes – posted 7/30/20
  - **Decision:** The WTWG approved the May and July meeting minutes.
- Non-urban stream restoration EPEG – Loretta Collins, UMD + other agriculture data under the CAST21 workplan
- 8/31/20 deadline for the 2020 progress scenario data prior to Dec. 1 BMP data + finalize NEIEN Appendix and DET – Olivia Devereaux, Devereux Consulting or Jess Rigelman, J7, LLC
- Member and participant announcements

10:20 AM – **CAST21 Work Plan and Watershed Technical Workgroup's Involvement** – Jeff Sweeney. EPA (40 min.)

Jeff will provide an update on the draft CAST21 Workplan and discuss how the WTWG will be involved.

#### **Discussion:**

*Greg Sandi:* Particularly concerned with manure sales data. One thing to consider for MD is working with our chemist office to improve manure sales data (all manure sales data).

*Jeff Sweeney:* We would need a lot of assistance from the states if alternate sources of data are proposed

*Greg Sandi:* as we look forward, we are looking for better data, and this may not make it into CAST21

*Jessica Rigelman:* The manure data is a watershed bucket and not a state bucket

*Greg Sandi:* right, this is one of the things I want to discuss in the future. If we have better information for fertilizer sales, it would improve the accuracy of where those loads are going.

*Loretta Collins:* We have someone looking into this information and may be on one of the future AgWG agendas. We are also putting together another Ad-Hoc group to look into this as well.

*Bill Keeling:* Recently received some new data from VA on fertilizer sales data.

*Jeff Sweeney:* NY is also working on getting new fertilizer data to NAPCO

**11:00 AM – BMP Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team Tasks and Watershed Technical Workgroup's Involvement**

– Jeff Sweeney, EPA (30 min.)

Jeff will review the most recent task statement of the BMP Verification Ad-Hoc Action Team and the group will discuss how the WTWG will be involved.

***Discussion:***

*Jess Rigelman:* The final progress reports for CAST 2019 are available on CAST

*Olivia Devereux:* The NEIEN error reports are also available on CAST

*Alana Hartman:* WV was looking into back-out and cut-off procedures, but we got bogged down with the information and we would like to have a call with you, Jeff, to go through this information to understand why cut-off occurred.

*Lisa Beatty:* I think it's a good idea to put together a presentation of all this information and then maybe someone would be willing to spear-head this.

*Vanessa Van Note:* The Ad-Hoc Team's first charge is going to look at credit- duration and that is going to take us through 2021, easily.

*Lisa Beatty:* Would it be possible to have a presentation on this at a WTWG meeting instead?

*Jeff Sweeney:* Yes, I can present something to the group, but we haven't been able to find a solution that works better than the current back-out and cut-off procedures. However, we will come back with that at the September meeting- Hilary please add this to a future agenda.

*Lisa Beatty:* It would be good to present this with a targeted approach that looks at the obstacles and then goals so that we may get more information from people.

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**11:30 AM – Schedule for TMDL-Related Scenarios – Jeff Sweeney, EPA (30 min.)**

Jeff will provide an update on the 2020 Progress scenario schedule and other model-related tasks.

***Discussion:***

*Greg Sandi:* Can we get an email with the dates and what needs to be submitted?

*Jess Rigelman:* I can draft this email and get this sent out to the group. But even if data wasn't submitted for the last CAST, you can still submit data for CAST 2021.

*Bill Keeling:* Consistency in Appendix- why do we have inconsistent reporting measures for basically the same BMP?

**Action:** Jess Rigelman will draft an email detailing the deadlines and submission requirements for CAST.

**12:00 PM – Meeting Adjourn.**

***Next Meeting: September 3, 2020 from 10:00- 12:00 PM***

### Call Participants

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