

Wastewater Treatment Workgroup (WWTWG)

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2021

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meeting Materials: [Link](#)

Summary of Actions and Decisions

Action: Please provide any additional feedback on mapped sewer service areas and the septic connection BMP to Vanessa Van Note (vannote.vanessa@epa.gov).

Action: Members are encouraged to reach out to Matt Reis (Matt.Ries@dcwater.com) and Jackie Pickford (pickford.jacqueline@epa.gov) with any additional feedback on potential agenda topics and future meetings.

Welcome and Introductions, *Matt Reis, Chair, DC Water*

- Roll call of participants
- Announcements from members
 - **Megan Thygne (in chat):** Quick announcement/reminder for Point Source data submitters: the point source data submission application will be offline this afternoon starting at noon. I'll email the distribution group when the application is back online.

Mapped Sewer Service Areas and Septic Connection BMP, *Vanessa Van Note, EPA*

Vanessa Van Note reviewed the process of backout and how it applies to the septic connection BMP in CAST (presentation linked [here](#)). Each jurisdiction provided feedback to Vanessa on whether septic connection BMPs are accurately captured in the base conditions of the model, focusing particularly on the following questions: *When was the last time the mapped SSAs were updated across the watershed in CAST? How often are these SSAs updated and incorporated into CAST? Is it appropriate to remove the Septic Connection BMP from CAST (through a process called backout) under the assumption that the mapped SSAs have captured the load source change (the connection of the septic system to municipal wastewater)?*

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Update on Wastewater 2020 Progress Scenarios, *Jeff Sweeney, EPA*

Jeff Sweeney, EPA, provided an update on the jurisdiction's wastewater progress through 2020. A majority of states have met their pollutant reduction discharge goals from the wastewater sector, as specified in their 2025 Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs). Jurisdictions were encouraged to review

each states' response to their 2019-2020 discharge changes (slides [16-24](#)). The progress data and final publication will be posted on the [Chesapeake Progress](#) website.

Future Meetings and Agenda Items, *Matt Reis, Chair, DC Water*

Matt Reis, DC Water, asked the group for feedback on the direction of future meetings and soliciting agenda items.

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Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Participants

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