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Location: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Start: 3/19/2019 7:30:00 PM
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2 attachments (BMP verification presentation and agenda). We may extend beyond the 4:30 time if managers are available.

Weekly Chesapeake Bay Managers Call Agenda
March 19, 2019 3:30-5:00pm??

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I. Agenda

a. **Updates/ Announcements (5 minutes)**
   i. Virginia Phase III WIP and request for meeting

b. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

c. **Options for Completing 2018 Progress Run for Reducing Pollution Indicator/Bay Barometer and Addressing Verification**– J. Sweeney/L. Power (60 minutes)

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d. **Partnership Issue: Re-verifying USDA-implemented practices that have reached lifespan – K. Shenk (10 minutes)**

According to the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership's verification protocols, all jurisdictions are now obligated to verify the continued existence and functioning of practices that have exceeded their CBP-defined lifespan in order to receive credit. States are not able to re-verify USDA-implemented practices because they do not have access to the locational data. USDA would have a difficult time justifying release of its customer location data so that a state agency can potentially visit the farm to verify practices are still in place and working effectively beyond the CBP-defined lifespan. It is unknown to what extent USDA-assisted practices are reaching their CBP-defined lifespan and will be removed from the Bay watershed model if not re-verified.

Potential Path Forward: In order to solve the problem, EPA and USDA propose a pilot analysis in 2019 to quantify the scope and extent of the issue and what the potential workload might be for USDA to carry out a targeted re-verification effort. EPA and USDA evaluate if there is a potential for an agreement with an independent third party to re-verify priority practices, looking at workload, who can verify, and who has or can have access to USDA practice data by location, and how to pay for this work.

Timing: Any solution to this problem will not be ready to implement in time for the CBP's 2018 annual progress assessment, which will be completed this month.

II. Short-term Planning Calendar (all tentative -to be confirmed with presenters)

a. ***March 26***

i. **General Updates/Announcements**
   1. VA Incorporation of EPA's 2018 Criteria Assessment Document, James River Chlorophyll-a comment period ending
   2. Partnership workgroup's technology presentations
   3. MS-4 Land Use Updates/Mapping for CBP Partnership – EPA Assistance to Land Use Workgroup

ii. **Phase III WIP Review Retreat – Agenda and Materials** – D. McNally/L. Power/WIP Review Team

b. ***April 3*** (Retreat – USGS Baltimore/Catonsville, MD office, 9-4)

III. <u>Potential Topics for Future Calls</u>

a. Phase III WIP Schedule and Template
b. Status of State Phase III WIP/milestone calls (MD, WV, VA, others)
c. SRS meeting Update/ Action Items
d.
e. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
f. Manure Treatment Technologies (3/28/19)
g. Trading Policy
h. Action Items from 2019 PA in the Balance Conference
i. Conowingo RFA/WIP
j. ELMS metric for CBPO
k. Stream Restoration/RSCs BMP crediting and ecological uplift/local water quality impacts- Urban stormwater/stream health workgroup
l. Unregulated stormwater – Adjusting the baseline (Issues in PA, VA)
m. Update on PA agriculture (Ag Certainty, Manure Transport Reduction Estimates)
n. WQGIT decisions update (on-going)
o. SDWA/CWA collaborations
p. G3 awards, Farm Bill/NRCS/NFWF Funding
q. FMFIA/CBARA

IV. <u>Decisions/Action Items from 2/26 meeting:</u>

a. The CBP trading and offset workgroup is available as a venue for EPA to discuss its new trading policy.
b. EPA (Aunkst lead) will be revising the draft response to PADEP's 9/11/18 letter on EPA's Phase III WIP expectations.
c. EPA will continue to work with the states on the BMP verification issues before a 2018 progress run is finalized. Management noted that we need to find a way to ensure that all BMPs on-the-ground are credited in the model. There is an internal mid-March deadline to complete the progress run. Management noted that states will need this progress run as a baseline for their Phase III WIPs.

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