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Madeline,

Additional participants are fine. I was trying to keep this more at the staff level solely because NY's document is a lot about model data. Adding others is OK – and that applies to DEC as well. There is a meeting among DEC and EPA (R2 + R3) including Regional Administrator(s) and Jim Tierney in early Sept., I believe. Our call is just some preliminary groundwork.

Cassie,

Can you and Lauren do any of Madeline's times?

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Hi all-

I am off on 8/21 but I am available on Wednesday 8/19 from 11-12, or Thursday 8/20 from 10-12 and 1-4.

Jeff- I have a feeling that my management (Rick Balla and/or Aisha Sexton-Sims) would be interested in participating in the discussion. Would you be okay if they were also invited? I know scheduling is difficult so if we cannot find a time within the next two weeks that would work for them, perhaps leaving them out would be okay too.

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Hi Jeff and Madeline,

Thanks for reaching out. Lauren and I are available on Friday 21st between 9-11am.

Thanks,
Cassie

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Lauren, Cassie, Madeline,

I'd like to set up a call among us to discuss the attached NY document about strategies to close NY's nitrogen loading gap. Specifically, I think it would be good to go over the details of exactly how to go about making revisions to the current numeric WIP, e.g., wastewater data for the modeling assessment, etc. – as well as discuss some thoughts I have about this strategy.

I'd like to shoot for some time during the week of Aug. 17th. Do each of you have free times Wed. 19th after 10:00, Thurs., or Fri. morning? If you're out that week, perhaps the following week?

Thanks

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Hi Cos,

Enclosed please find New York's summary of how we propose to document a reduction of 1 million pounds of nitrogen to meet New York's agreed to target under the Chesapeake Bay partnership.

This is being forwarded in advance of our conference call that is scheduled for August 3rd.

In the past, we at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation have been interested in, and a bit puzzled by, the consistent difference between actual water quality data, and the (worse) New York water quality estimated by the Chesapeake Bay model. We think we have discovered the basis for at least some of the discrepancy – as outlined in the attached memo.

As we have verified with EPA staff based on EPA data, if the water quality in Chesapeake Bay were as good as the quality of the water in the Susquehanna River as it leaves New York, the Bay would not be impaired for nitrogen, phosphorus or sediment today – with some room to spare. In any event, New York is committed to continuing with its implementation program as part of its continuing efforts to be a good upstream neighbor.

My thanks to you and your team for making the time to review this information and discuss a possible path forward on August 3rd.

Regards, Jim

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