



CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM BAY TMDL MIDPOINT ASSESSMENT

Key Decision Points & Opportunities for COG Input - UPDATES

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OVERVIEW

- 2017 Midpoint Assessment - Recap
- Resolved Issues & Implications
- Key Issues/Decisions
 - Resolved
 - Pending
- Schedule

2017 Midpoint Assessment - Recap

- Critical Bay Partnership decisions re: meeting Bay TMDL
 - Given new info. & progress to-date - What needs to be done in order to meet 100% implementation goal by 2025?
 - $(\text{TMDL Goal} - \text{Progress to-date}) + \text{New loads} = \text{TMDL Gap}$
 - Progress/Now vs. 2025 – Only 7 years left to close gap
 - Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) define ‘how’ to close that gap
- CBPC Input to CBP Partnership
 - Positions based on approved COG Policy Principles
 - Holistic Requirements
 - Equitable Responsibility
 - Sound Science
 - Communications & Voice
 - Implementation Flexibility & Innovation
 - ‘To-Date’ most CBP decisions reasonably consistent w/ COG Principles



KEY ISSUES/DECISIONS

- Resolved
 - Watershed and Water Quality Models – updates approved for use
 - 2025 Growth Projections – approved method/loads to include in WIPs
- Pending
 - Continue to evaluate Air Reduction efforts and Bay ‘assimilative capacity’
 - Develop a new/separate WIP to address additional Conowingo Loads
 - Continue to develop science re: climate impacts – on water quality and on BMP performance
 - Agree on (state/basin) ‘Planning Targets’ that incorporating all ‘new’ loads
 - Nitrogen: Growth (4 MIb) + Conowingo (6-7 MIb) + **Climate (9 MIb)**
= 19-20 MIb Total
 - Use agreed upon Planning Targets to develop Phase 3 WIPs with locals



Schedule

- Pending Decisions (estimated) - Mid-February 2018
 - Determination of Air Reductions & Assimilative Capacity
 - Conowingo Dam/Susquehanna Watershed Process & Schedule
 - Agreement on Planning Targets
- Final Phase III WIP Planning Targets (with special cases) issued – May 2018
- Draft Phase III WIPs issued – February 2019
- Final Phase III WIPs issued – May 2019



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