

Chesapeake TMDL Webinar Series Flagship

Update - FY2011 – 1st Quarter



Description of Flagship Project

- The Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Webinar project falls under the “Expanding” Public Awareness and Involvement in the Development of Rules and Regulations” Flagship Theme
- On Dec. 29, 2010, EPA established the Bay TMDL, a historic and comprehensive “pollution diet” with rigorous accountability measures to initiate sweeping actions to restore clean water in the Chesapeake Bay and the region’s streams, creeks and rivers.
- EPA has been assisted in the TMDL development by the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team, made up of 30 members including the District of Columbia (DC) and six watershed states
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/tmdl/ChesapeakeBay/PartnerLinks.html>
- The goal of the webinar series has been to have a dialogue with the public and stakeholder groups as EPA develops the TMDL and works with its partner jurisdictions to implement its provisions.
- Link to additional project information: <http://www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl>

Stakeholders

- Public
- Industry (Agriculture, Development)
- Federal government
- State and local governments

Milestones/Status

- TMDL was established on Dec. 29, 2010

Highlights of Progress this Quarter

- Conducted six webinars in conjunction with public meetings on TMDL, allowing online audience members to participate from home or the office

Planned Activity for Next Quarter

- Undetermined at this time.

Metrics

- Number of Webinars: 6
- Number of Attendees: Average of 67 per webinar
- Number of Comments: Average of approximately 15 per webinar
- Number of Partnerships: 1 Team with 30 members (including 6 watershed states and DC)