

Dear Principals Staff Committee (PSC) Members:

On behalf on Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio, attached is **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Expectations for Federal Lands and Facilities**

In Supporting Chesapeake Bay Watershed Jurisdictions' Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans.

At the July 9, 2018 PSC Meeting, the Department of Defense (DOD) PSC representative stated that DOD had a few remaining comments on the EPA Expectations for Federal Lands and Facilities document that we issued on July 3, 2018. Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio told the PSC that EPA would work with DOD to address their comments and see if any changes needed to be made to this document. We followed up with DOD and were able to provide clarifications for all of their comments except for one which we felt necessitated a revision to a sentence in the July 3rd document. This clarification is on page 3 of the attached revised Federal Expectations document with a new issue date of August 16, 2018. This change is pasted below showing the sentence being struck and the new sentence **highlighted**. This revised August 16th document will be posted to the EPA Chesapeake Bay TMDL website and the July 3rd document will be removed.

Annual Progress Reporting: *Federal agencies are expected to report annual BMP progress to the jurisdictions (copy EPA) using tools provided by the jurisdictions that are compatible with requirements for the National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN). The CBP partnership's Phase 6 Watershed Model now enables EPA to track federal agency BMP implementation progress by federal agency instead of the previous designation of "federal lands." With this new capability in place, EPA will track federal agency progress for each agency for each of the Bay jurisdictions on an annual basis. EPA will not hold jurisdictions accountable if federal facilities fail to meet their expected load reductions and planning targets. EPA will not hold jurisdictions accountable for the pounds of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment reductions that are the responsibility of federal agencies.*

If you have any questions, please contact me or Jim Edward, Acting Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office.

Thanks. Cecil.

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