

NY-NJ Harbor TMDL Oversight Meeting
290 Broadway, NY, NY
September 13, 2005
Minutes
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Participants included: Kevin Bricke, Bob Nyman, Rosella O'Connor, Mario Del Vicario, Phil O'Brien, Jeff Myers, Jim DeZolt, Phil DeGaetano, Barbara Hirst (phone), Narinder Ahuja, Debra Hammond, Marco Al-Ebus, Kerry Kirk-Pflugh (phone), John St. John, Robin Miller, and Tom Fikslin.

1. Minutes from the June 22, 2005 meeting were approved with modifications.
2. Robin Miller presented the proposed approach to address nutrient management questions that had been requested by the oversight group (see attachment). She started off by noting that the post-audit work for NJDEP was nearly completed. It was also noted that a nutrients modeling QAPP must be approved before additional EPA funds can be spent on modeling work. The question was raised as to whether the baseline loadings for nutrients needed to be formalized by the Nutrients Work Group. This will be put on the agenda for the next NWG meeting. Stormwater is currently included in the proposed approach as nonpoint source (NPS). For actual TMDL calculations, it will need to be separated out. The oversight group agreed that atmospheric deposition should be included as part of the NPS computations. Nyman will follow up with Antony Tseng regarding obtaining information from the regional air model (CAIR). Nyman will work with Phil O'Brien and John St. John to revise the approach.
3. John St. John presented the proposed approach to address pathogens management questions (see attachment). It was noted that near-field effects and end of pipe standards are not addressed. It was pointed out that IEC was preparing to undertake a sampling study this fall to examine lateral transects across the Hudson River. Additional discussion was to be held until after all the presentations were given.
4. Tom Fikslin gave a presentation on the Delaware Estuary Phase 1 PCB TMDL. (See attachment). The oversight group briefly discussed the presentation and decided that there should be a joint TWG/oversight group discussion/presentation planned.
5. The three presentations were then discussed. For nutrients, it was decided that four NPS runs and 3 levels of point source reduction would be requested. Also, an 80% PS plus projected CAIR air reductions plus 10% NPS reduction would be requested. Mr. Ahuja requested that the oversight group consider greater NPS removals in the future. For pathogens, the oversight group agreed that the proposal was OK to go. Mr. Ahuja asked that he be given a couple of days to check with his staff. It was suggested that the recommendation be made to the Policy Committee to reschedule delivery of the TMDL schedule until April.

The meeting was then adjourned.