

## Workgroup Status

**Workgroup:** Point Source Workgroup

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### Issue (s) Addressed:

An understanding of the cap loads, how they were defined and allocated has been reached through discussions with EPA and clarification from the Secretary. The subgroup has developed an alternative allocation strategy, instead of the current proposal of 8mg/l nitrogen and 1 mg/l phosphorus at 2010 flows. The initial reaction from the workgroup is positive, but further work is needed to incorporate ideas received from the rest of the workgroup members.

### Status Report and Recommendations:

- The Work Group met for the fourth time on March 14.

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- Discussions on March 14 included discussions on the Trading Strawman and other issues raised by the Secretary at the March 3 Steering Committee meeting related to the use of public funds to generate credits. It was decided to wait and see what the Ag and Trading Workgroups come up with to determine whether further comment from the Point Source workgroup is needed. The focus of the meeting was to review a draft proposal for an alternate allocation framework developed by a subgroup of the workgroup. There was general consensus on the framework as proposed, but further work is needed to incorporate members' ideas concerning the minimization of costs through optimization and the use of a similar model that facilitates trading now being implemented in Connecticut. It is expected that the subgroup will have these revisions completed in time for review by the full workgroup at the next meeting. PMAA members continue to survey their membership to get system-specific numbers to further refine cost estimates. DEP staff is also looking at pulling records from the 2000 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey to also refine existing cost estimates. The workgroup had some preliminary discussions on the elements of a Public Education program. There are actually two components to this program; the technical education needed to prepare operators to run the upgraded systems and the general education needed to inform the public as to why this is important and why raising their rates is essential to achieve the goals of the Bay Program. The technical education program for operators is underway. Early ideas for the development of a general public education program included the generation of TV spots for the Secretary to do like those for Radon and the Recycling Program, the development of video(s) for use by local officials and the development of basic fact sheets and flyers targeted at the general public. It was also suggested that a flyer be developed for systems to use in their billings to their customers that explains the reasons and benefits behind the need to raise rates to pay for needed system upgrades. DEP staff committed to investigating options as to what DEP is capable of doing and coming back to the workgroup by the next meeting with proposed elements for a Public Education Program.

The Work Group is scheduled to meet again on April 11<sup>th</sup>.