

# **The Bay Program Process Underway:**

## **Crediting Performance Over the Life of a Practice**

Chesapeake Bay Commission Briefing

January 3, 2013 Meeting

# Verification: Accurately Accounting for Progress

- ✓ Verification **principles**
- ✓ Verification **protocols**
- ✓ Verification Review **Panel**
- ✓ Verification **programs**

# Verification Principles

1. Practice reporting
2. Scientific rigor
3. Public confidence
4. Adaptive management
5. Sector equity

# Schedule

- **Winter:** complete work on the draft basinwide verification framework components
- **Spring:** review of draft verification framework up through the partnership
- **May:** PSC adoption of verification framework
- **June:** public communication of Partnership's BMP Verification Program
- **Summer/Fall/Winter:** BMP Verification Review Panel reviews of the jurisdictions' proposed BMP verification programs

# Challenges

- Ensuring commitment to verification by all partners
- Seeing verification as an integral component of program implementation, not an undesired burden
- Addressing concerns about resources required to verify practices have been implemented
- Actively communicating with and engaging the thousands of local partners and producers

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