

Stakeholder Involvement

The jurisdictions are committed to keeping stakeholders informed, providing opportunities for stakeholders to comment, throughout the development of this TMDL. There are several ways that stakeholders can stay informed and / or participate in this process.

1. Join the Technical Advisory Committee. TAC meetings are an opportunity for the team involved in developing the TMDL to present progress reports on all aspects of the TMDL development. TAC meetings will be held quarterly beginning in Sep. 2005.
2. Join an issue specific workgroup. Several issue specific workgroups have been, or are being formed, to work on specific problem areas. Workgroups set their own schedules, but interact mostly through e-mail and conference calls. Workgroups include:
 - A) Monitoring: This group is mostly concerned with field and laboratory methods for new sample collection.
 - B) Loadings: To work on issues concerning converting point and non point sample data (in some cases very limited sample data) into a time series of loads for input into the model.
 - C) Standards and Endpoint: The water quality standards, and methods for calculating fish consumption risk, in DC, MD, and VA are different. This workgroup will work on issues related to how the TMDL will address these different end point(s).
 - D) Implementation: This workgroup will consider different options for how the TMDL will be implemented after it is adopted.
3. Check this website. Meeting notices, agendas, and copies of presentations will be posted on this website. In addition, as it is developed information about the model, input loads, and TMDL scenarios will be posted here.

If you wish to receive participate in TAC meetings, or one of the workgroups, or you just want to receive e-mail announcements about these meetings and other significant milestones so you can stay informed, send a request to chaywood@icprb.org.