







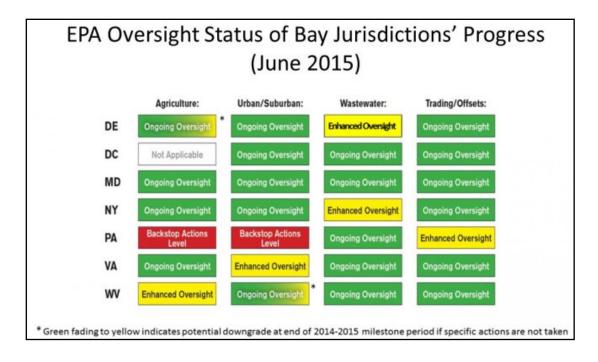
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Chesapeake Bay Update

Agricultural Advisory Board December 16, 2015

EPA's Concern

- EPA reports that PA is not meeting our Chesapeake Bay WIP commitments.
- PA needs to show significant improvement to meet the water quality goals.





How to show "...Significant Improvement ..."?

Report BMPs

- Remote Sensing Pilot
- Capital RC&D Transect Survey
- Farmer Self-Reporting

Need to adequately reflect PA farmers' efforts to clean up local waterways.



Self-Reporting Information

FOCUS:

Manure Management Plan information

Additional BMPs:

- Animal Waste Management Systems
- Stream Bank Fencing
- Riparian Buffers
- Barnyard Runoff Controls



Self-Reporting Information

- DEP will get county level data to document PA farmer's efforts.
 - DEP will not get "farm-specific" information.
- PACD and/or Penn State Will Manage Data
 - Field Staff will "verify" 10% of data
- It will help create a more accurate picture of PA's agricultural improvements.











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