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# Chesapeake Bay Agricultural Inspection Effort

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**Ag Advisory Board**

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Tom Wolf, Governor

John Quigley, Secretary

# ▶ “Reboot”: Six Elements

- 1) Address Pollutant Reduction
- 2) Quantify & Multiply BMPs
- 3) Improve Record-keeping
- 4) Identify Needed Changes
- 5) Establish a DEP Chesapeake Bay Office
- 6) Seek New Resources

# ➤ 1) Address Pollutant Reduction

- DEP to require Conservation Districts to inspect farms.
  - Requirements for existing funding will shift from 100 educational visits to 50 inspections per year.
  - Emphasize technical assistance **AND** regulatory compliance.
  - Need for additional DEP staff reduced based on success of partnership with conservation districts.
  - Inspection focus:
    - Manure Management Plan
    - Erosion and Sedimentation Plan
    - Significant Water Quality Problems

# ▶ Ag Inspection SOP

- DEP Developing Standard Operating Procedures
  - Ensure Consistency
  - Address Conservation Districts' Concerns
- Review to Standard Operating Procedures
  - Draft provided to Conservation Districts
  - Training DEP/CD Staff Planned
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# Conclusion

- Local water quality in PA is a shared responsibility.
- Collaboration, partnerships, commitment and resources are key.
- Everyone must do their part.
- PA Constitution Article 1, Section 27 :

The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.



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