



CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

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Agenda Harrisburg, PA September 7-8, 2023

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023

Pennsylvania Capitol

Pennsylvania Senate Majority Caucus Room
Room 156 Main Capitol
(North (Senate) Wing off Main Rotunda)

Attire: Business

1:15 P.M. WELCOME & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Pennsylvania Senate Majority Caucus Room
Room 156 Main Capitol
(North (Senate) Wing off Main Rotunda)

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
ADOPTION OF MINUTES
ADOPTION/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

FOLLOW-UP FROM MAY MEETING

Crediting Workgroup
Blue Crab Stock Assessment
Blue Catfish

1:45 P.M. COUNTDOWN TO 2025: WHAT'S NEXT, WHAT COMES AFTER?

The Chesapeake Bay TMDL and many goals of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement have deadlines of the year 2025. How can we make the most of the next two years, and position the region for continued progress going forward?

David Campbell, Acting Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office

Martha Shimkin, Deputy Director, EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office
Co-Chair, Beyond 2025 Steering Committee

Kristin Reilly, Director, and Mariah Davis, Deputy Director
Choose Clean Water Coalition

2:30 P.M. BREAK

2:45 P.M. RUNNING THE NUMBERS

Farmers are less than one percent of the population, but farmland is the region's largest non-forest land use, covering 25 percent of the Bay watershed. The states are relying on agriculture to achieve 90 percent of the remaining nutrient reductions needed. How do farmers account for the environment in their decision-making, when they also must consider economic factors from a global market, competing land uses, and weather? What policies can help to reduce risk and incentivize conservation practices?

Moderator: Amy Jacobs
Chesapeake Bay Agriculture Program Director, Maryland/DC
The Nature Conservancy

Dean Collamer, MS, CPAg, CCA
Field Sales Agronomist
Growmark FS, LLC

Kurt Fuchs
SVP, External Affairs
Horizon Farm Credit

Dave McLaughlin
Little Germany Farms
Elliottsburg, Perry County, PA

Jim Shortle, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Agricultural & Environmental Economics
Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences

3:45 P.M. ADJOURN

Friday, September 8, 2023

Hilton Harrisburg

Penn Harris Room
One North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Attire: Business Casual

9:15 A.M. WELCOME
Penn Harris Room

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

9:30 A.M. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LIGHTNING ROUND UPDATES

- Farm Bill
- Federal Budget
- CNRA Legislation
- 2023 EC Meeting
- EPA OIG Report

10:00 A.M. PFAS: RISKS AND RESPONSE

The prolific use and persistence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have led to widespread concern about the level of contamination within our environment and the associated impacts to human and ecological health. What does the current science tell us about the risks from exposure and what targeted policy actions can best address those risks?

John Lucey, Special Assistant to the Administrator and Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. EPA

Melanie Benesh, Vice President, Government Affairs
Environmental Working Group

10:40 A.M. BREAK

10:55 A.M. FROM POLLUTION TO POWER?

Modern technology relies on the use of 50 minerals deemed “critical” to economic and national security. Most of the current supply of these minerals comes from foreign sources, but they exist in the byproducts of coal mining, including waste coal and acid mine drainage, which have historically been a source of water pollution.

Sarma V. Pisupati, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Critical Minerals
Penn State College of Earth & Mineral Sciences

11:25 A.M. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

**11:45 A.M. INTERIM ACTIONS
NEW BUSINESS
PUBLIC COMMENT**

12:00 P.M. ADJOURN

*The next meeting of the full Chesapeake Bay Commission
will be held in Richmond, VA
on November 9-10, 2023.*