

Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's Basinwide BMP Verification Framework Briefing

**CBP Partnership's Scientific and Technical
Advisory Committee
June 17, 2014**

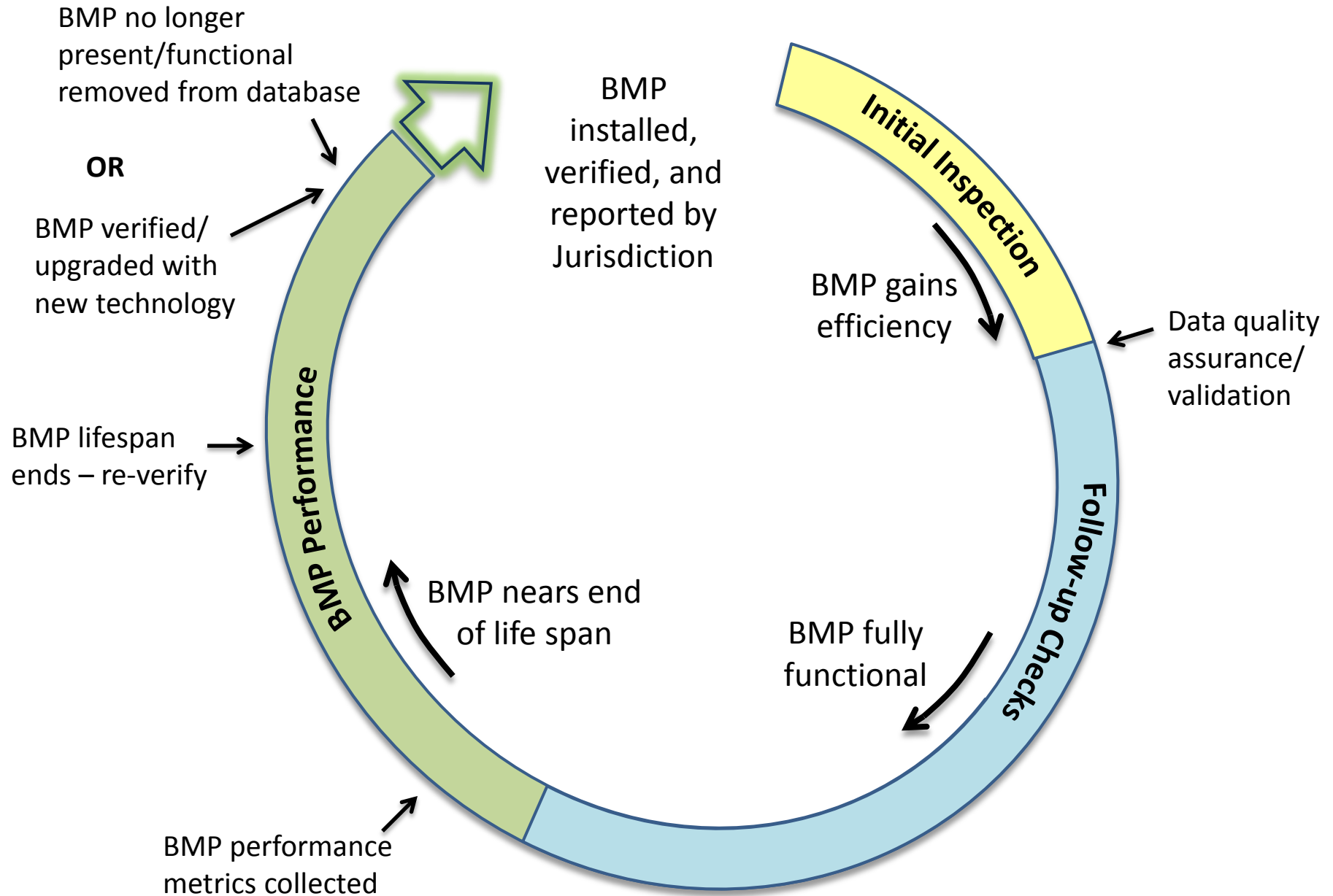


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Verification Definition

“Verification: the process through which agency partners ensure practices, treatments, and technologies resulting in reductions of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment pollutant loads are implemented and operating correctly.”

BMP Verification Life Cycle



Responses to STAC Subgroup Comments

- ✓ Measure not only numbers of BMPs, but also outcomes of BMP adoption
- ✓ Base verification protocols on sound statistical sampling
- ✓ Engage independent entities to design/implement BMP verification protocols
- ✓ Focus verification in areas/towards specific BMPs that have the most impact on water quality
- ✓ Decouple BMP verification from BMP accounting
- ✓ Designated role of the BMP Verification Review Panel

Responses to STAC Subgroup Comments

- ✓ Role of the Principals' Staff Committee
- ✓ Role of the CBP Advisory Committees
- ✓ Role of the Technical Workgroups
- ✓ Role of the WQ Goal Implementation Team
- ✓ Independent entities, not jurisdictions, responsible for BMP verification
- ✓ EPA holding back grant funds to pay for independent entities to carry out BMP verification
- ✓ Review/approval of verification procedures by independent entities

Responses to STAC Subgroup Comments

- ✓ Independent entity develop new BMP verification protocols
- ✓ Adjust model input data if warranted
- ✓ Periodic audits of jurisdictions' verification programs
- ✓ More focus on verifying on-the-ground implementation, less on process documentation

BMP Verification Schedule

- **May 9:** Distribute revised framework report
- **May 15:** Brief the Citizens Advisory Committee
- **June 5:** Brief the Local Governments Advisory Committee
- **June 9:** Brief the Water Quality, Habitat, Fisheries, Healthy Watersheds Goal Implementation Teams
- **June 17:** Brief the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee
- **July TBD:** BMP Verification Committee meeting to address feedback from GITs and advisory committees
- **July 15:** Revise the draft framework document
- **Aug 1:** Distribute final draft framework document
- **Sept:** Present to Management Board
- **October:** Seek final approval from Principals' Staff Committee

Questions for STAC

- Do any of the Panel/Committee's responses to the August 2013 initial review cause you heartburn?
- Are there any issues you feel the need to elevate to the Management Board or Principals' Staff Committee for resolution?
- Can we count on STAC to continue to step up and engage on verification related topics as the Partnership transitions from framework development to basinwide implementation of BMP verification?