

**Potomac River Basin  
Drinking Water Source Protection Partnership**

**Partnership Meeting**

May 10, 2005

Meeting Notes

**1. Welcome**

**2. Partnership strategy document – discussion**

The most substantive change suggested for the Partnership's strategic plan was to call out pathogens and emerging contaminants as the initial focus of the Partnership. This change was suggested by the utilities committee as a way of focusing their limited resources on issues where the Partnership could achieve some early successes. While there was agreement that such a focus would be beneficial, concern was also raised that including language that appeared to limit the Partnership's initial focus to just 2 areas could hamper the Partnership's ability to attract funding or other assistance from groups with other primary interests. The language originally suggested by the utilities committee was softened to accommodate this concern while still identifying pathogens and emerging contaminants as the Partnership's initial emphasis.

The revised strategy document is attached: PartnershipStrategy.5.10.05.doc  
This document should be reviewed by each Partnership organization so that final approval of the document can be obtained at the next Partnership meeting and so that the document can be released by our fall event (see item 5 below).

The strategy subcommittee will continue to meet to discuss overall planning and direction of the partnership (including GIS work – see item 4 below). Anyone interested in participating in this group is welcome to do so. Please contact either Chuck Kanetsky ([kanetsky.charles@epa.gov](mailto:kanetsky.charles@epa.gov)) or Julie Kiang ([jkiang@icprb.org](mailto:jkiang@icprb.org)).

**3. Reports from subcommittees**

- a. **Pathogens** (Miranda Brown, Aqueduct) – Workshop June 28, 2005  
Miranda presented the draft agenda for the upcoming pathogens workshop. The final agenda and registration form will be distributed soon, probably by next week. Attendance will be limited, so register early. Anyone who can help with workshop planning should contact Miranda at 202-764-0019.
- b. **Emerging contaminants** (Martin Chandler, WSSC) – Workshop Fall 2005. Martin is looking for speakers and assistance with overall planning – anyone who can help should contact him at 301-206-8052.
- c. **Early warning monitoring/emergency plan** (Julie Kiang, ICPRB) A few MWCOG projects are underway – fish monitors will be installed at several utilities this summer; a data sharing network is under

consideration but the details have not been worked out; a spill exercise is planned for the fall; time of travel studies are planned for the summer.

USGS will be taking velocity measurements between Little Falls and Harpers Ferry at approximately 1-mile intervals. Water samples could be taken if the Partnership identifies a need for a water quality snapshot and if additional funds can be located. Additional information will be sent in a separate email.

Julie handed out a list of raw water monitoring at each of the partner utilities. These should be reviewed for accuracy. If you need a copy of the list, please contact Julie at [jkiang@icprb.org](mailto:jkiang@icprb.org).

Vicki Binetti has made preliminary contact with the Department of Transportation regarding pipelines. She will obtain additional information on what is required of pipeline companies in sensitive areas.

**d. Field studies on DBP sources** (Plato Chen, WSSC)

WSSC is planning a small study this summer to identify sources of DBP precursors under different hydrologic regimes (high flow vs. low flow).

**e. Urban Issues** (Traci Kammer Goldberg, Fairfax Water)

Traci has made initial contact with at least one community which expressed an interest in the water utility perspective on stormwater issues. She will focus initial workgroup efforts on obtaining information on de-icing chemicals and their use.

**f. Agricultural Issues**

KR Young is a new on the EPA staff and may be able to assist with the Agricultural workgroup at a later date. For now, the focus will remain on pathogens.

**4. GIS work** – need for an adhoc committee?

The strategy/planning subcommittee will survey availability of GIS information in the Potomac watershed and discuss standards for layers that we may develop for the Partnership. Please get involved if you have expertise in this area.

**5. Possible September event**

The Partnership will plan an event in September/October 2005 to celebrate the anniversary of its creation. This event will provide an opportunity to present the strategy document, our accomplishments to date, our proposals for future work, and any needs for assistance. We will target policy makers and the media to try to publicize the Partnership. A event planning workgroup will be formed – please contact Julie Kiang ([jkiang@icprb.org](mailto:jkiang@icprb.org)) if you can help. The more help we have, the better the event will be.

- a. Outreach to smaller water utilities, local government, watershed groups.

The event should provide an opportunity to make ourselves known to these groups.

- b. Logo contest

Anyone who has talents in graphic design should consider helping to design a logo for the Partnership.

6. Next meeting

**Tuesday, August 9, 2005**

**10:00 AM**

**at ICPRB.**