

2020-2025 Milestone Schedule

Two-year Water Quality Milestones Timeframe

Programmatic milestones cover January 1 of an even numbered year through December 31 of an odd numbered year. For example, for the 2020-2021 programmatic milestones, the period reported on is January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021. Programmatic milestones will include BMP implementation targets, as approved by the CBP partnership in January 2020.

Chesapeake Bay Milestone Timeline in Chronological Order [all dates reflect the nearest business day]

2019 (and each subsequent year)

- **September** – EPA sends instructions to federal agencies on submitting numeric progress to the states and submitting two-year milestones¹
- **October 1** - Federal agencies report numeric progress to the states and EPA covering the progress made from July 1 of the prior year through June 30 of the current year
- **December 1** – The states report to EPA on consolidated federal/non-federal numeric progress for pollutant reduction measures that are tracked, verified, and reported for the previous July 1 – June 30 period
 - Virginia wastewater data is due January 31 each year
- **February 8 each year**² – CBP partnership finalizes numeric progress and verification assessments

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- **January 15**³ - The states submit drafts of the next set of programmatic two-year milestones to EPA. Federal agencies submit drafts of next set of two-year milestones and federal agency-level programmatic two-year milestone commitments to states and EPA
- **January 15** - The states and federal agencies report to EPA on progress toward achieving programmatic milestone commitments for the prior milestone period, based on the timeframes noted above
- **January 31**– EPA compiles all draft federal agency programmatic milestone commitments, posts to the Federal Leadership website and shares with the CBP partnership's Management Board and the Federal Office Directors for 15-day review and comment

¹ Instructions for states to submit progress are outlined in the Clean Water Act 117 grant guidance.

² This deadline is a Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership goal. The CBP partnership's [Bay Barometer](#) and [Water Quality "Reducing Pollution Indicator"](#) are dependent on the finalized numeric progress reports.

³ For the 2020-2021 milestone period, this date has been extended until March 1, 2020.

- **January 31⁴** – The states post draft two-year milestone commitments to their websites for public access
- **Within 60 days of submission of draft programmatic two-year milestones or finalized numeric progress reports, whichever is later**– EPA provides evaluations of states' and federal agencies' draft programmatic milestone commitments and prior milestone period progress
- **Within 30 days of the EPA evaluation of draft milestone commitments and milestone progress** - The states and federal agencies submit final two-year programmatic milestone commitments to EPA
- **Within two weeks of submitting final two-year programmatic milestones** – The states post final programmatic milestone commitments to their websites for public access
- **Within 60 days of submission of final programmatic two-year milestones** – EPA posts the evaluation of progress on existing milestones and evaluation of the final milestone commitments for each state and the federal agencies to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL website

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- **January 15** - The states and federal agencies report to EPA on progress toward achieving programmatic milestone commitments for the current milestone period, based on the timeframes noted above
- **Winter (January-March)** - EPA conducts check-in meetings with the states on progress for current milestone period
- **April 30** – All data from states (including local partners) and CBP partnership source sector workgroups that may inform modeling changes for the next milestone period are submitted to EPA
- **June 30** – All data from non-state sources (e.g., Federal Agencies, national data sets) that inform modeling changes for the next milestone period are submitted to or gathered by EPA
- **July to October** – Draft changes to modeling tools reviewed and approved by CBP partnership Water Quality Goal Implementation Team and workgroups
- **September 15**– EPA sends instructions to federal agencies for submitting programmatic milestone commitments (including templates)
- **Within three weeks of WQGIT approval of changes to modeling tools** – Final changes to modeling tools provided on CAST for use in next milestone period
- **December 1** - EPA sends instructions to the states for submitting programmatic milestone commitments (including templates)

⁴ For the 2020-2021 milestone period, this date has been extended until March 15, 2020.