

# Delaware River Basin Commission

## TOXICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 10, 2014

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The DRBC Toxics Advisory Committee meeting, chaired by Wayne Jackson, was held on July 10, 2014 at the DRBC offices in West Trenton, New Jersey.

- Membership changes were discussed:
  - Biswarup (Roop) Guha, NJDEP, was introduced as the current New Jersey Representative.
  - Tushar Durve, DuPont was nominated as the Industry Representative upon approval by the DRBC Executive Director.
  - Nominations for an alternate academic member were solicited.
  - A list of members is at <http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/about/advisory/toxics/committee.html>.
  
- Presentations are posted at <http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/about/advisory/toxics/index.html>.
  - PCB TMDLs
    - Implementation Strategy for Stage 2 TMDLs for PCBs in the Delaware Estuary - Tom Fikslin, DRBC
    - Examples of CMTLs and ALs for Significant Discharges – Greg Cavallo, DRBC
    - Presentations were well received and no major objections were articulated.
    - Additional information on the TMDLs, model development, sampling and analytical information, and PMP requirements and other resources are available at <http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/quality/toxics/pcbs/>
  - Status and Trends of Whole Effluent Toxicity Monitoring in the Delaware Estuary, 1990 to 2012 – Ron MacGillivray, DRBC
    - TAC members provided a number of recommendations for improvements to the analysis including:
      - consideration of factors that could influence the trends such as variable number of discharges, multiple test species reported and changes in test methods over time;
      - need for clarification of assumptions on additivity;
      - edits to graphs such as the addition of error bars and setting the minimum value of the y-axis at 1.0 to reflect the lowest reporting chronic toxicity value of TUc = 1.0.
    - DRBC staff will continue to work on the WET trend analysis.

State Representatives: NJ - Roop Guha; PA - Jenifer Fields and Tom Starosta; DE - Richard Greene; NY - Scott Stoner (by phone). There were twenty-three other attendees.