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Long Island Sound Study Meet the QA Team – Part II

Hosted by Esther Nelson & Bessie Wright

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Meet the QA Team - Hosted by EPA's Long Island Sound Office

Meet the QA Team Session 1:

Date: : Thursday, February 9, 2023

Time: 2 – 4pm

Meet the QA Team Session 2:

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Time: 2 – 4pm



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EPA Region 1 QA staff

EPA Region 2 QA staff

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EPA is hosting a ***Meet the QA Team*** session series for the Long Island Sound Study Partnership. The sessions are intended to put a face on the QA review process within EPA and to enhance transparency and efficiency from start to finish.

The first session is for all recipients who submit Quality Assurance Projects Plans (QAPPs); the second session will discuss some QAPP/QA experiences from grantees. Both sessions include breakout groups facilitated by QA staff where recipients can ask specific questions regarding their projects.

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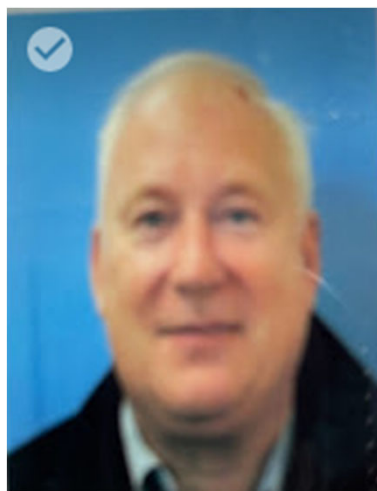
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Meet the R1 QA Team



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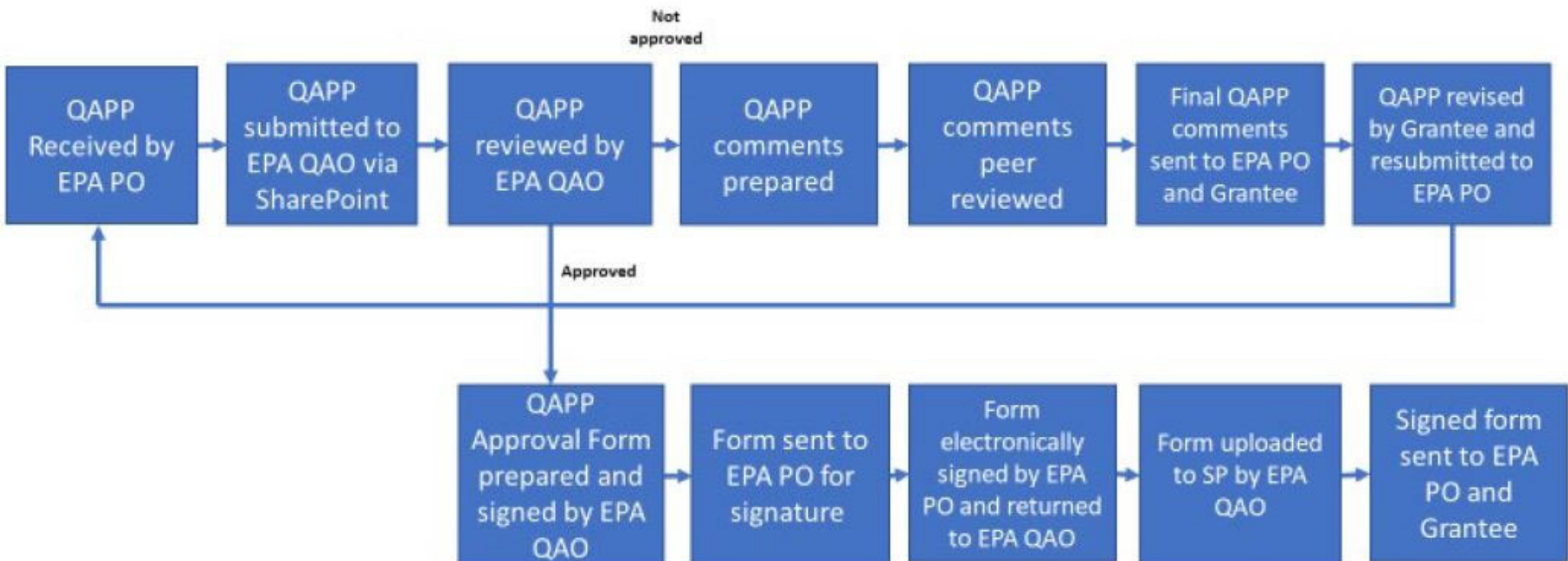
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R2 QAPP Review and Approval Process Flow

QAPP Review and Approval Process for Non-Brownfields Grants





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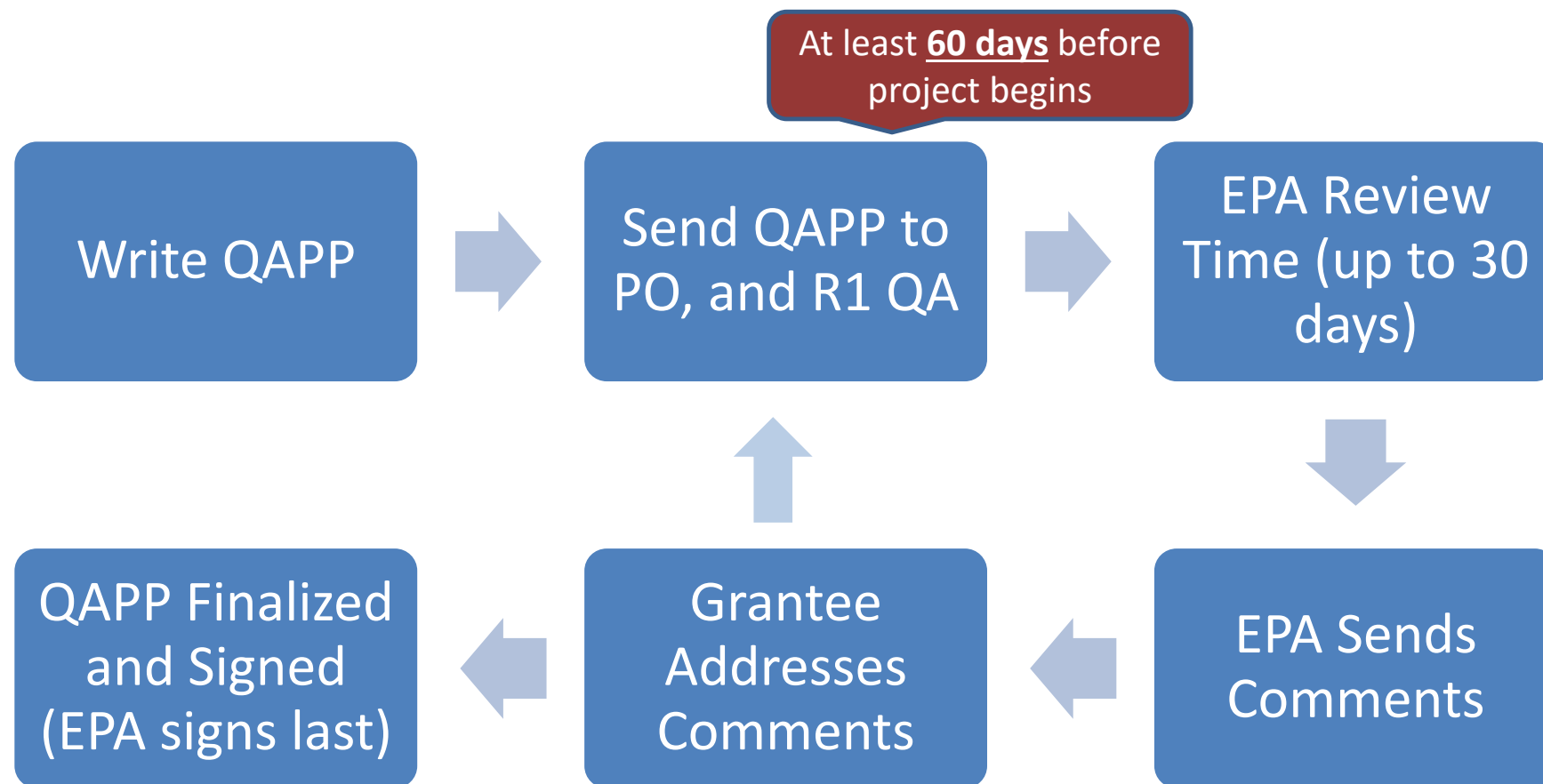
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R1 QAPP Submittal Process



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- EPA funded activities involving the collection, generation, compilation, analysis, evaluation and use of environmental data will be identified in the grant agreement as needing a QAPP
- QAPPs are sent to R1QAPPS@epa.gov



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Resources

Contacts

- R1QAPPS@epa.gov (accesses QA manager)
- Assigned EPA QA Reviewer

Documents

- **EPA QA/R-5**
EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) 2001
(reissued without change 2006)
- **EPA QA/G-5**
EPA Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) 2005
- **EPA-905-K19-001**
Application of Quality Assurance and Quality Control Principles to
Ecological Restoration Project Monitoring, 2019

Links

- www.epa.gov/quality
- www.epa.gov/quality/R1
- <https://www.epa.gov/quality/region-1-quality-systems-documents>



Guest Speakers – Sharing some best practices and lessons learned during their QAPP process



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General Questions

Question 1: What SOP/method documentation is required for a QAPP?

Question 2: How can previous data be used for a new project?

Question 3: How do NFWF subrecipients fit into the EPA process?



And Now for Breakout Groups...

