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Good morning everyone;

It looks like most of us have gone from fire risk to flood risk in one weekend. Thanks to everyone who has been running fires and dispatch during this recent stretch of fire weather across the state. Great job keeping fires small and keeping everyone safe in spite of some challenging weather.

The 2019 water quality BMP audit results are in and they are great once again. As Matt says in the Branch, these are numbers we can all be proud of and we need to share them every chance we get -

- 95% BMP implementation statewide
- 97% BMP implementation in the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- and none of the 240 tracts randomly selected for audit had active sedimentation resulting from the timber harvest after closeout.

This is a great story of collaboration and cooperation including the landowners, the loggers, private foresters, and the VDOF water quality inspectors. Let's go tell this great story.

Thanks for another week of continuing to do your work and serve the Commonwealth while caring for your families and loved ones. There are some great recognitions at the beginning of the Branch for DOF folks that have stepped up in response to COVD-19. We have more weeks to go, so let's just keep taking it one week at a time and do the best we can. Make it a good week.

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