



Virtual 2021 Hypoxia Task Force Meeting December 14, 2021

<p>Tuesday, December 14</p> <p>Hypoxia Task Force (HTF) Public Meeting</p> <p>Please reference your confirmation email for Zoom link.</p>	
<p>9:50 am ET 8:50 am CT</p>	<p>Webinar Open for Attendees to Join</p>
<p>10:00 am ET 9:00 am CT</p>	<p>Welcome to the Virtual 2021 Hypoxia Task Force Meeting</p> <p>Facilitator Welcome <i>Barry Tanning, Tetra Tech</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide agenda overview and meeting objectives. • Review ground rules and provide instructions on how to use the platform. • Remind participants about raise hand function and chat box, identify contact information for any technical difficulties. <p>Co-Chair Welcome and Remarks <i>Radhika Fox, HTF Federal Co-Chair, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency</i> <i>Mike Naig, HTF State Co-Chair, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship</i></p>
<p>10:15 am ET 9:15 am CT</p>	<p>Overview of the Office of Water’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy <i>Radhika Fox, HTF Federal Co-Chair, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency</i></p>
<p>10:35 am ET 9:35 am CT</p>	<p>Member State Progress</p> <p>Objective: Share information on state nutrient reduction strategies, including recent HTF grant activities and strategy implementation updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arkansas – New Targeting Strategy for Advancing of the Arkansas Nutrient Reduction Strategy: <i>Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Division-Arkansas Department of Agriculture</i> • Iowa – Leveraging State Investments with Federal Programs: <i>Matt Lechtenberg or Susan Kozak, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship</i> • Minnesota – Update on Minnesota’s Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program: <i>Brad Jordahl Redlin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture</i> • Wisconsin – Wisconsin’s Producer-led Watershed Protection Program: <i>Sara Walling, Administrator, Agricultural Resource Management Division-Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection</i>

	<p>Member State Progress (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTF Sub-basin Committee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Doug Daigle, Coordinator, Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Committee</i> ○ <i>Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association</i> ○ <i>Greg Youngstrom, Environmental Scientist, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission</i>
<p>12:05 pm ET 11:05 am CT</p>	<p>Break for Lunch</p>
<p>12:35 pm ET 11:35 am CT</p>	<p>Federal Agency Contributions and Support for the Hypoxia Task Force</p> <p>Objective: Highlight federal actions in support of the states; discuss new programs, initiatives, etc. that may assist states with nutrient reduction efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Production and Conservation: Gloria Montaña Greene • U.S. Department of Agriculture, Research, Education, and Economics: Dr. Shefali Mehta • U.S. Department of the Interior: Lori Sprague • National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Dr. Steven Thur
<p>1:20 pm ET 12:20 pm CT</p>	<p>Reporting on Trends in Basin Metrics</p> <p>Objective: Report on various efforts to track trends in basin metrics, with an eye on the 2025 interim target to reduce nutrient loads by 20 percent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTF Trends Workgroup Update: <i>Lori Sprague, USGS and Whitney King, EPA</i> The HTF Trends Workgroup engages in ongoing efforts to evaluate new metrics to complement current metrics that are used to assess water quality trends in the basin. This presentation will feature an update on the status of their work, notably the methodology and considerations for site selection. • How the Great Lakes to Gulf Virtual Observatory Helps Track Nutrient Trends and Conservation Practices in the MARB: <i>Dick Warner, Senior Scientist, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (NGRREC)</i> The Great Lakes to Gulf (GLTG) Virtual Observatory facilitates ready access to water resource information from the Mississippi River and its tributaries, expediting data-to-knowledge-to-policy connections. It is a project of the NGRREC, a partnership of Lewis and Clark Community College and the University of Illinois. • Nutrient Trends in the Upper Mississippi and Illinois River Ecosystems: <i>Lauren Salvato, UMRBA and KathiJo Jankowski, USGS</i> This presentation will feature the nutrient-related results of Upper Mississippi River Restoration program’s long-term resource monitoring and identifying the relationship between nutrient levels and ecological health parameters. • Third Point Source Progress Report Update: <i>Adam Schnieders, Iowa DNR and Max Potthoff, EPA ORISE</i> The HTF Point Source Progress Report documents the efforts of the states to reduce point source nutrient loads.

<p>1:45 pm ET 12:45 pm CT</p>	<p>Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Objective: Receive updates from MRCTI on a new partnership to reduce 7.6 million lbs of nitrogen through the conservation of 60,000 acres involving 30 cities through 8 states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hon. Scott Maddason, Mayor of Clinton, IA, MRCTI Iowa State Chair</i> • <i>Aditya Ranade, Principal, Two Degrees Adapt</i> • <i>Dr. Karen Waldrop, Chief Conservation Officer, Ducks Unlimited</i>
<p>1:55 pm ET 12:55 pm CT</p>	<p>Agricultural Nutrient Policy Council Objective: Receive updates from the ANPC on their report “American Agriculture’s State, Regional and National Initiatives to Reduce Nutrient Losses in the Mississippi River Basin”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lauren Lurkins, Illinois Farm Bureau and ANPC President</i> • <i>Tom Hebert, Senior Advisor to the ANPC</i>
<p>2:15 pm ET 1:15 pm CT</p>	<p>Public Comment Session Objective: Hear comments from interested members of the public.</p>
<p>3:00 pm ET 2:00 pm CT</p>	<p>Closing Comments Objective: Identify meeting achievements and explore any opportunities and challenges for implementation.</p> <p>Co-Chair Remarks <i>Radhika Fox, HTF Federal Co-Chair, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency</i> <i>Mike Naig, HTF State Co-Chair, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship</i></p>
<p>3:10 pm ET 2:10 pm CT</p>	<p>Adjournment of the HTF Public Session</p>