



2022 Hypoxia Task Force Public Meeting December 14, 2022

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In-person and Virtual Public Hypoxia Task Force Public Meeting

1:30 – 5:00 pm ET

EPA Ruckelshaus HQ Conference Center, 1201 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington DC

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Opening Introductions

Objective: Hear Co-Chair opening remarks and short self-introductions by all HTF members, including a brief description of agency HTF engagement.

Facilitator Welcome (3 min)

Barry Tanning, Tetra Tech

- Provide brief agenda overview and meeting objectives.
- Review ground rules and provide instructions on how to use the Zoom platform.
 - Remind participants about raise hand function and chat box and identify contact information for any technical difficulties.

Opening Remarks (10 min)

Radhika Fox, HTF Federal Co-Chair, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency (5 min)

Mike Naig, HTF State Co-Chair, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (5 min)

Federal Agency Member Introductions (5 min)

- *Jaime Pinkham, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works (1 min)*
- *Bidisha Bhattacharyya, Senior Advisor for Climate and Conservation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Production and Conservation (USDA FPAC) (1 min)*
- *Paul Zankowski, Office of the Chief Scientist Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Research, Education, and Economics (USDA REE) (1 min)*
- *Margo Schulze-Haugen, Deputy Director, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (1 min)*
- *Gary Gold, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) (1 min)*

Tribal Introductions (2 min)

- *Heather Bartlett, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, National Tribal Water Council*

	<p>State Member Introductions (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>J. Ryan Benefield, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission</i> • <i>Michael Woods, Illinois Department of Agriculture</i> • <i>Trevor Sample, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency</i> • <i>Trevor Laureys, Indiana State Department of Agriculture</i> • <i>John Lyons, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet</i> • <i>Angelina Freeman, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana</i> • <i>Katrina Kessler, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</i> • <i>Mike Freiman, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality</i> • <i>Chris Wieberg, Missouri Department of Natural Resources</i> • <i>Greg Nageotte, Ohio Department of Agriculture</i> • <i>Sam Marshall, Tennessee Department of Agriculture</i> • <i>Adrian Stocks, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</i>
2:00 pm ET	<p>Federal Hypoxia Task Force Support</p> <p>Objective: Provide a brief overview of current federal activities that support the goals of the HTF, focusing on current policies, programs, and actions; discuss potential future activities and support.</p> <p>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding and Opportunities to Leverage/Support State Nutrient Reduction Strategies (20 min)</p> <p>Objective: Overview the BIL Gulf Hypoxia Program and IRA funding opportunities; provide examples of how states have successfully used funds to support nutrient reduction strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIL Gulf Hypoxia Program Support: <i>Bruno Pigott, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, EPA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BIL GHP Priorities ○ Tribal Grant Implementation Memo • IRA Increased Funding for Conservation: <i>Bidisha Bhattacharyya, USDA</i> <p>America the Beautiful Initiative (5 min)</p> <p>Objective: Hear an update about the America the Beautiful Initiative and federal commitment to preserve at least 30% of land, freshwater, and ocean resources by 2030 and develop an American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kate Kelly, DOI</i>
2:25 pm ET	<p>State Gulf Hypoxia Program Overview</p> <p>Objective: Each HTF Member State will provide a brief overview of their BIL GHP workplans.</p>
3:05 pm ET	<p>Break</p>
3:20 pm ET	<p>State Gulf Hypoxia Program Overview, Continued</p>

4:30 pm ET	<p>Public Comment Session</p> <p>Objective: Hear comments from interested members of the public.</p> <p>Facilitator Overview <i>Barry Toning, Tetra Tech</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide overview of public comment process. • Call on speakers who signed up in advance to make public comments. <p><i>Three speakers registered to address the members with four-minute comments.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Lurkins, Agricultural Nutrients Policy Council/Illinois Farm Bureau, President/Director of Environmental Policy • Harry Huntley, Environmental Policy Innovation Center, Senior Agriculture Policy Analyst • Maisah Khan, Mississippi River Network, Policy Director
4:45pm ET	<p>Wrap-up and Next Steps</p> <p>Objective: Summarize meeting outcomes; explore opportunities and challenges for implementing state nutrient strategies and other key actions needed to improve water quality in the Mississippi River Basin and reduce Gulf Hypoxia.</p> <p>Facilitator Closing <i>Barry Toning, Tetra Tech</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review key action items and any discussion themes. <p>Co-Chair Closing Remarks <i>Radhika Fox, HTF Federal Co-Chair, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, United States Environmental Protection Agency</i></p> <p><i>Mike Naig, HTF State Co-Chair, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship</i></p>
5:00 pm ET	<p>Adjourn</p>