



February 2020 Public Hypoxia Task Force Meeting Washington DC

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

EPA WJC East, Building Entrance is at 1201 Constitution Ave, NW

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8:30 AM Welcome (1153 EPA East)
Rules of Engagement and Other Administrative Items
Adam R. Saslow, Senior Facilitator (Kearns & West)

Welcome and Introductions

David P. Ross (Task Force Federal Co-Chair), United States Environmental Protection Agency

Mike Naig (Task Force State Co-Chair), Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Public Meeting Goals

- USDA and others to provide programmatic and communications updates to the HTF and the public;
- The Water Quality Trends Working Group will note progress with regard to identifying options for a basin-wide metric that tracks regional water quality trends; and,
- States present on activities and actions that will help to meet in-basin and Gulf goals

8:50 AM Communications Update
Anna Wildeman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Water

Objective: This is an information sharing session with some facilitated interaction

Ms. Wildeman will discuss new efforts underway at US EPA that better communicate the scale, efforts and progress of nutrient management in the Mississippi River Basin and the Gulf of Mexico. HTF members will have the opportunity to briefly expand upon their own outreach efforts in facilitated exchanges.

9:00 AM USDA Update
Matt Lohr, Chief, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Objective: This is an information sharing session with some facilitated interaction

Mr. Lohr will discuss the Mississippi River Basin Initiative, National Water Quality Initiative and other Farm Bill programs that can help meet Task Force Goals, CART and other tools. A brief facilitated Q&A session amongst HTF members will follow.

9:15 AM Water Quality Trends Working Group Update
Water Quality Trends Workgroup Co-Chairs, Lori Sprague, USGS and Meg Wiitala, US EPA

Objective: This is an information sharing session with some facilitated interaction

In this session, the presenters will provide insight and background on recommendations from the Water Quality Trends for a common approach to tracking within-basin water quality and loading trends. A facilitated Q&A session amongst HTF members will follow.

9:30 AM Break

9:45 AM Actions and Outcomes in Implementing State Nutrient Reduction Strategies

In five different sessions, multistate groups will describe strategies undertaken and results realized within specific themes, recognizing that each state has employed various additional actions in implementing strategies. A portion of this time will be dedicated to formal and informal presentations as well as Q&A from HTF members.

- Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi: State Science Assessment (15 min)
- Arkansas and Ohio: Goal setting to ensure implementation efforts are targeted and tracked by developing milestones/interim goals (state- or watershed-wide) (10 min)
- Iowa and Illinois: Deployment of staff to plan, prioritize, engage partners and stakeholders in priority watersheds, and manage progress tracking mechanisms (10 min)
- Louisiana, Minnesota, Tennessee: Assessing progress: Develop and deploy a system for tracking and reporting progress (15 min)
- Missouri and Wisconsin: Market-Based Approaches (10 min)

11:15 AM Public Comment

Observers and members of the public may provide comments to HTF members. Those wishing to speak will need to check in and be recognized by the facilitation team and will be limited to no more than five minutes (and perhaps less, depending upon the volume of speaker requests) at the microphone.

11:45 AM Wrap up and Next Steps

David P. Ross (Task Force Federal Co-Chair), United States Environmental Protection Agency
Mike Naig (Task Force State Co-Chair), Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Noon to 1:00 PM HTF Networking Session with the Public

Objective: Relationship building between HTF members and observers and the public.
Light refreshments will be served. This is an opportunity to mix, mingle and build bridges between and among interested parties.

Map of EPA Federal Triangle Complex

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