

Tenth Meeting of the
Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force
Renaissance Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
November 19, 2003

Meeting Goals:

- Provide an update to the Task Force on recent activities and progress on the Action Plan;
- Share innovative approaches to nutrient management and the implementation process and schedules; and
- Consider the activities we will work towards over the next year.

8:30 Welcome and Introductions (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

9:10 Current state of Hypoxia in the Gulf, 2003 (Nancy Rabalais, LUMCON)

Sub-basin Committees – Status

9:40 Lower Mississippi (Earl Smith, Arkansas)

10:00 Ohio (Peter Tennant, ORSANCO)

10:20 Break

Monitoring, Modeling, and Research Committee and Future Coordination

10:35 Monitoring, Modeling, and Research (Herb Buxton, USGS)

Funding and Innovative Nutrient Reduction Strategies at the local level

10:55 Opportunities in the Farm Bill for Nutrient Reductions (Tom Christiansen, USDA)

11:20-1:00 Lunch (on your own) – Task Force Executive Session: Directing current and future programs to assist nitrogen reduction efforts in the Mississippi Basin

Nutrient Reduction Actions by the Corps of Engineers

1:00 Louisiana Coastal Area Study (Ed Theriot, Army COE)

Clean Water Act Authorities

1:20 CAFO Rule, BASF Followup, Stormwater Phase II, TMDLs (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

Current Opportunities

1:50 Using the Watershed Initiative and Recognition through Awards of Voluntary Reductions and Innovations (Diane Regas, EPA)

2:10 USDA Agricultural Drainage Management Project (Wil Fontenot, USDA)

2:30 Iowa CREP Wetlands Creation (Dean Lemke, Iowa)

2:50 Sierra Club Petition (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

3:10 Break

Looking ahead

3:25 Public Comments (Facilitated)

4:00 Looking ahead to 2005 (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

4:25 What can we get done in FY 2004 (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

4:50 Closing and Next Steps (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

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