



**Joint Meeting of the
Gulf of Mexico Alliance & Hypoxia Task Force
New Orleans, LA – August 2 - 4, 2011**

**CONSOLIDATED AGENDA: ALL SESSIONS FOR
ATTENDANCE BY HYPOXIA TASK FORCE AND
COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Tuesday, August 2nd: Opening Plenary and Joint Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA)
– Hypoxia Task Force (HTF) Nutrients Meeting**

Morning (12th Floor, Ballroom)

Breakfast – on your own

Joint GOMA-HTF Opening Plenary Session (8:30 – 11:30 am)

- Welcome – Mayor Mitch Landrieu, New Orleans, LA 8:30 - 9:00 am
- Keynote Speaker – Gwen Keyes-Fleming, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 4 9:00 - 9:30 am
- Alliance Introductions, Overview & Achievements – Bill Walker, MDMR and Alliance Co-chair 9:30 - 10:00 am
- Hypoxia Task Force Address – Nancy Stoner, US EPA & Task Force Federal Co-chair 10:00 - 10:30 am

Break (10:30 – 10:45 am)

- Iowa Video – “Ocean Frontiers – Iowa & the Gulf of Mexico” 10:45 - 11:05 am
- Natural Resources Damages Assessment Update – Trudy Fisher, MDEQ 11:05 - 11:25 am
- Mexican Governor Address – Governor Javier Duarte de Ochoa, Veracruz, Mexico 11:25 - 11:40 am
- Gulf Ambassadors Address – TBD 11:40 - 11:55 am

Lunch - on your own (12:00 – 1:30 pm)

Tuesday, August 2nd: Opening Plenary and Joint GOMA – HTF Nutrients Meeting (cont'd)

Afternoon (11th Floor, Crescent Ballroom)

Accelerating Progress on Issues of Common Interest to HTF and GOMA, including a Public Comment Period (1:30 – 5:30 pm)

Joe Piotrowski, EPA, and Kim Caviness, MDEQ

Expected Participants: GOMA Nutrients, Education Priority Issue Teams (PIT); HTF and Coordinating Committee Members

Welcome/Recognition of Participants & Guests/Session Objectives

1:30 – 1:40 pm

Trudy Fisher, HTF State Co-lead, MDEQ

- Session Objectives:
 - Understand How GOMA and HTF Priorities Overlap;
 - Advance Development of State-Level Nutrient Reduction Strategies; and,
 - Advance Education and Outreach on Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution.

Understanding How GOMA and HTF Priorities Overlap

1:40 – 1:50 pm

Richard Ingram, HTF Coordinating Committee State Co-lead/MDEQ

- Objective: To gain a better understanding of the relationships between GOMA's Governors' Action Plan and the HTF Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan.

Tuesday, August 2nd: Opening Plenary and Joint GOMA – HTF Nutrients Meeting (cont'd)

Advancing Development of State-Level Nutrient Reduction Strategies

1:50 – 3:40 pm

Facilitators: Joe Piotrowski, HTF Coordinating Committee Federal Co-Chair, EPA
Kim Caviness, GOMA Nutrients PIT Lead, MDEQ

- Objective: Through status, examples, and discussion, the group will share ideas for overcoming barriers to developing state nutrient reduction strategies.
- Background:
 - **Overview of Status of HTF States' Efforts to Develop Nutrient Reduction Strategies**
Hazel Groman, EPA Hypoxia Team Lead, 15 min
 - **GOMA Approach to State Nutrient Reduction Strategies**
Kay Whittington, GOMA Nutrient Reduction Strategy Work Group Co-lead, MDEQ, 10 min
 - **Mississippi River Basin Initiative - Status, Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Further Enhancement**
Ann Mills, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, 15 min
 - **Outreach and Education Opportunities**
Ann Bartuska, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, 15 min
 - **State Examples of Nutrient Reduction Strategy Development**
Jan Boydstun, Louisiana Dept of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), 15 min
Jerod Chew, Indiana State Dept of Agriculture (ISDA), 15 min
- Discussion: Discuss the following questions in terms of state and federal experiences to date.
Joe Piotrowski, EPA and Kim Caviness, MDEQ, 20 min
 - What approaches are states following in agricultural areas of priority watersheds for achieving nitrogen and phosphorus pollution reductions?
 - How are states leveraging resources, including private sector assistance?
- Session Wrap-up:
Joe Piotrowski, EPA and Kim Caviness, MDEQ

Break (3:40 – 3:55 pm)

Tuesday, August 2nd: Opening Plenary and Joint GOMA – HTF Nutrients Meeting (cont'd)

Advancing Education and Outreach on Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution and Gulf Hypoxia

3:55 – 5:00 pm

Facilitators: Joe Piotrowski, HTF Coordinating Committee Federal Co-chair, EPA,
Kim Caviness, GOMA Nutrients PIT Lead, MDEQ

- Exploration (Presentations) and Discussion:
 - **HTF Outreach Tools: Annual Report, Annual Operating Plan, and Earlier Communication Work Group Efforts**
Aaron Kornbluth, EPA Hypoxia Team, 10 min
 - **GOMA Education Activities and Outreach Efforts**
Lee Yokei, GOMA Environmental Education Coordinator, Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL), 10 min
 - **GOMA Public Relations**
Valerie Kleinschmidt, GOMA Education and Outreach Specialist, DISL, 10 min
 - **GOMA Nutrients PIT Outreach and Education Activities**
Kim Caviness, GOMA Nutrients PIT Lead, MDEQ, 10 min
 - **EPA National Outreach Approach**
Denise Keehner, Director, EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, 10 min
- Brainstorming:
What else can we do to improve outreach on the nutrients issue?
Joe Piotrowski, EPA and Kim Caviness, MDEQ, 10 min
- Session Wrap-up:
Joe Piotrowski, EPA and Kim Caviness, MDEQ

Public Comment Period on Hypoxia Task Force Issues

5:00 – 5:30 pm

Nancy Stoner, HTF Federal Co-chair, EPA

**Note: Those who wish to comment should register at the back table prior to the public comment session. Written comments are encouraged where possible.*

Adjourn (5:30 pm)

Evening (12th Floor Foyer, Optional)

Social with Interactive Exhibits (5:30 – 7:00 pm)

Wednesday, August 3rd: Hypoxia Task Force Working Session and Closing Plenary

Morning (Not on the public agenda)

Breakfast on your own

State HTF Pre-Working Session Meeting
(12th Floor, Executive Room)

7:15 - 8:15 am

Federal HTF Pre-Working Session Meeting
(12th Floor, Chairman's Room)

8:00 - 8:30 am

Hypoxia Task Force Working Session/Lunch (8:30 – 12:45 pm)
(11th Floor, Crescent Ballroom)

Opening Remarks/Introductions/Session Objectives
Trudy Fisher, HTF State Co-chair, MS DEQ

8:30 – 8:40 am

State-Specific Presentations: Status of Nutrient Reduction
Strategy Development
Facilitated by Bob Greenfield

8:40 – 10:10 am

- Each HTF state will individually present 2-3 slides summarizing its current status of nutrient reduction strategy development;
- Each HTF state will be asked to identify barriers it is facing in developing nutrient reduction strategies; and,
- Federal agencies will discuss with individual states how they can provide federal support to help the state meet the Hypoxia Action Plan's 2013 state nutrient reduction strategy goal.

[NOTE: See Separate "Hypoxia Task Force Working Session Final Agenda" for order/time of state presentations.]

Break (10:10 – 10:25 am)

Resume State-Specific Presentations

10:25 – 11:00 am

Identify Common Themes and Key Individual Next Steps to Help Each State

11:00 – 11:30 am

Discussion of Path Forward to Meet the 2013 Hypoxia Action Plan Goal
Nancy Stoner, HTF Federal Co-chair, EPA

11:30 – 12:00 pm

- Using HTF Face-to-Face Meetings Effectively to Advance Progress on Nutrient Reduction Strategy Development

Wednesday, August 3rd: Hypoxia Task Force Working Session and Closing Plenary (cont'd)

- Draft Matrix of Federal Programs to Support Development and Implementation of State-level Nutrient Reduction Strategies

Break (12:00 – 12:15 pm) – *lunch delivered*

Beginning Work on the Reassessment
Rob Magnien, NOAA; Joe Piotrowski, EPA

12:15 – 12:30 pm

Update on USGS Activities Related to the Development of Nutrient Strategies
Mike Woodside, USGS

12:30 – 12:45 pm

Adjourn (12:45 pm)

Afternoon (12th Floor Ballroom)

Closing Plenary (1:00 – 4:00 pm)

- Welcome Back – Trudy Fisher, MDEQ and Hypoxia Task Force Co-chair
- Hypoxia Task Force Report: Trudy Fisher, MDEQ
- Hypoxia Zone Report – Rob Magnien, Director, NOAA Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research
- Report-out from Break-out Sessions - Session Facilitators

1:00 – 1:05 pm

1:05 – 1:20 pm

1:20 – 1:35 pm

1:35 – 3:00 pm

Break (3:00 – 3:15 pm)

- Gulf Summit II – Larry McKinney, Director, HRI
- Alliance FY 12 Priorities – Phil Bass, GOMA

3:15 – 3:30 pm

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Evening (Optional)

Gulf Guardian Awards Reception (6:00 – 7:00 pm) and Ceremony (7:00 – 8:30 pm)