Eleventh Meeting of the
Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force
St. Paul, Minnesota
August 31 – September 1, 2004

Meeting Goals:

- Provide an update and discuss Task Force member comments on recent activities and progress on the *Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico (Action Plan)*;
- Adopt a plan for the 2005 Reassessment as called for in Action Item 11 of the *Action Plan*;
- Continue to develop a method for measuring progress for reaching the goals of the *Action Plan*; and
- Outline appropriate actions to continue and revise the *Action Plan*.

Wednesday, September 1, 2004

7:45 Registration at Science Museum of Minnesota, Breakfast at the Museum

8:30 Welcome and Introductions
   - Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, US EPA
   - Sheryl Corrigan, Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

9:00 Showing of “After the Storm” segment on Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia

9:10 Current state of Hypoxia in the Gulf, 2004

9:40 Action Two: Sub-basin Committees – Status
   - Upper Mississippi
   - Ohio
   - Lower Mississippi
   - Missouri

10:20 Break

10:35 Actions Three, Four, and Five: Monitoring, Modeling, and Research Committee and Future Coordination
   Monitoring, Modeling, and Research

10:50 Action Seven: Nutrient Reduction Actions by the Corps of Engineers
   Louisiana Coastal Area Study
11:00  Action Eight: Clean Water Act Authorities
       MS/MO Sierra Club Petition Outcome

11:15  Action Nine and Ten: Current Opportunities
       Federal and State Programs

11:30  Lunch – on your own

1:00   Action Eleven: Looking ahead
       Proposal for 2005 Reassessment

2:30   Break

3:00   Actions One and Six: Funding and Innovative Nutrient Reduction
       Strategies at the Local Level
       Report from Industry Led Solutions, Gulf II Meeting

3:30   Public Comments

4:00   Task Force Discussion

4:30   Adjourn