Twelfth Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

Doubletree Hotel Downtown Memphis 185 Union Avenue Memphis, Tennessee www.epa.gov/msbasin

Agenda

Meeting Goals:

- 1. Provide an update and discuss recent activities and progress on achieving the goals contained in the current *Action Plan*;
- 2. Continue to develop methods for measuring progress for reaching the goals of the *Action Plan*;
- 3. Agree on appropriate actions and timeline for reassessing the *Action Plan:* and
- Adopt a workplan for 2006.

Thursday, December 1, 2004: Public Meeting

- 8:00 Registration at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown Memphis, continental breakfast
- 8:30 Welcome, Introductions, Report out on Executive Session of the Task Force, Opening Comments by Task Force Members
 - Brent Fewell, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, US EPA
 - John McClurkan, Tennessee Department of Agriculture
 - All Task Force Members
- 9:00 Current State of Hypoxia in the Gulf, 2005: Dr. Nancy Rabalais, LUMCON

Sub-basin Teams - Status

- 9:40 Upper Mississippi: Dean Lemke, IDALS
- 9:55 Ohio: John Kessler, Ohio DNR
- 10:10 Lower Mississippi: Dugan Sabins, LA DEQ
- 10:25 Break

Reassessment of the 2001 Action Plan

- 10:45 Reassessment Plan and Schedule: Diane Regas, EPA
- 11:05 Basin and Gulf Symposia
 - Report out on the Upper Basin Symposium: Dean Lemke, IDALS
 - Planning for the Gulf Symposium: Rick Greene, EPA and Rob Magnien, NOAA
 - Planning for the Lower Basin Symposium: Dugan Sabins, LA DEQ
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:15 Update from the Science Reassessment Team: Rob Magnien, NOAA and Herb Buxton, USGS

- 1:25 Update from the Management Action Reassessment Team: Katie Flahive, EPA and Mike Sullivan, USDA
- 1:35 EPA SAB Charge: Darrell Brown, EPA and Dennis McKenna, IL DOA
- 2:00 National Monitoring Network: Herb Buxton, USGS
- 2:20 Gulf Alliance Presentation
- 2:40 Break
- 3:00 Public comments
- 3:50 Task Force Discussion and Decision
 - Annual Plan
 - Reassessment
- 4:15 Closing Comments by Task Force Members
- 4:30 Adjourn