

**15th Meeting of the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico
Watershed Nutrient Task Force**

Monday, October 29, 2007

Cincinnati, OH

The Westin Cincinnati

Agenda

Meeting Objective:

Currently, the Task Force is charged with reassessing the Action Plan and is holding their fifteenth public meeting to seek comment and concurrence on the draft Action Plan to be released for public comment.

Monday, October 29th: Public Meeting

12:15 Registration

1:00 Welcome and Introductions of Task Force Members

Leads: *Benjamin Grumbles*, Task Force Chair

***David Hanselmann*, Ohio DNR**

There will be an opportunity for Task Force Members to make a brief statement.

1:30 Introduction and Description of the Action Plan Reassessment

Lead: *Darrell Brown*, EPA

Mr. Brown will make a brief presentation regarding the process and approach the Task Force has used in considering a reassessment of the **Action Plan** including scientific studies commissioned, Coordinating Committee activities and major decisions confronting the Task Force. There will be a short time available for questions and answers for the Task Force.

2:00 Presentation on Science Advisory Board Report Recommendations

Tentative

2:40 Presentation on Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorous yields from each State within the MARB

***Mr. Richard Alexander*, USGS**

Mr. Alexander will present state numbers and information about difference in sources for N and P. The information will inform discussions about nutrient management plans and the crop types that are the sources of the nutrients.

3:00 Break

3:15 NAS study on the Mississippi River and the Clean Water Act (CWA)

***Dr. Jeffrey Jacobs and Dr. David Dzombak*, NAS**

Tentative

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3:40 Presentation on Public Review and Involvement Strategy for the Action Plan

Kristen Goodrich, U.S. EPA

Tentative

4:00 Public Input

This time is set aside for members of the public to give input to the Task Force on topics related to the presentations or other related topics. The Task Force is specifically seeking input on the following questions:

- Are the goals of the Action Plan adequate?
- Are there revisions to the Action Plan the Task Force should consider that it has not already considered?

5:30 Adjourn

r. Dunlop will explore with the Task Force the utility of adding a section to the Action

3:00 Decision Review and Next Steps: Action Plan

Task Force will review changes to Action Plan and outline next steps needed to prepare for public release

4:15 Discussion and Decision: Presentation on the Task Force Strategic Communications Plan

Lead: *Kristen Goodrich, EPA*

Ms. Goodrich will present a brief overview of the work of the Task Force Communication Sub-Committee on the Draft Strategic Communications Plan associated with the rollout of the Action Plan; the Sub-Committee will seek a Task Force directive to proceed with development and implementation.

4:30 Next Steps and Actions

Lead: *Benjamin Grumbles, EPA*

Task Force will give final direction for the CC on next steps including:

- Agreements reached at meeting
- Agreements on schedule
- Confirm next Task Force Meeting in Chicago, IL, Date TBD (targeting the week of February 25, or March 3, 2008)

5:00 Adjourn