Meeting Objectives

- Provide Opportunities to Experience Implementation of Nutrient Reduction Strategies and MS Delta Blues Culture
- Address Pending Hypoxia Task Force and Coordinating Committee Issues
- Receive Public Input on Task Force Initiatives and Activities
- Participate in 1st Annual Mississippi Nutrient/Hypoxia Summit
- Provide a Nutrient Reduction Development Workshop to Advance Implementation of the Hypoxia Action Plan

Summit Meeting Objectives

- The 1st Annual Mississippi Nutrients/Hypoxia Summit is a forum where state and federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations in Mississippi will discuss their contributions and support to implement Mississippi’s nutrient reduction strategies and will culminate in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement

Day 1: Thursday, September 30

Task Force and Coordinating Committee Meeting—Morning Session ➔ Museum

9:00–9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Pete Silva, Jerry Cain, and Bill Northey (Video)

9:15–10:00 Opening Remarks
   Task Force Members

10:00–10:15 A Stakeholder’s Perspective: Developing and Implementing a Nutrient Reduction Strategy in the Mississippi Delta
   Trey Cooke, Executive Director, Delta F.A.R.M.

10:15–10:35 The Mississippi River Basin Initiative and Conservation Effects Assessment Project
   Ann Mills, Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture
   Jeff Arnold, Grassland, Soil and Water Research Lab, U.S. Department of Agriculture

10:35–10:50 Gulf of Mexico Alliance’s Position Statement on Hypoxia, Alliance Activities to Reduce Hypoxia and the Impacts of Nutrient Pollution, and Collaboration Opportunities with the Gulf of Mexico Alliance
   Phil Bass, EPA Gulf of Mexico Program

10:50–11:00 Questions and Answers

11:00–12:00 Overview of Work Group Activities: Addressing Priority Strategic Actions/Projects; Presentation of Recommendations/Decision Points to the Task Force and, Task Force Responses
   - Accountability Framework – Richard Ingram/Rob Magnien
   - State Nutrient Reduction Strategies – Richard Ingram/Darrell Brown

12:00–1:15 Luncheon Presentation: Perspectives on the Task Force and Mississippi River Health from the Mississippi River Collaborative ➔ Tunica Queen Pavilion
   Albert Ettinger, Environmental Law & Policy Center and Matt Rota, Gulf Restoration Network

Note: Lunch will be provided for all who registered prior to the meeting.
Task Force and Coordinating Committee Meeting—Afternoon Session

1:15–2:00 Overview of Work Group Activities (Cont’d)
   • Monitoring, Modeling, and Research Work Group – Mike Woodside/Rob Magnien
   • Iowa Drainage and Landscape Initiative – Dean Lemke
   • Farmable Wetlands – Skip Hyberg
   • Governance – Darrell Brown/Hazel Groman

2:00–2:30 Factors Influencing the 2010 Northern Gulf of Mexico's Hypoxic Zone
   Alan Lewitus, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

2:30–3:15 Review and Approval of FY2010 Annual Report and FY2011 Annual Operating Plan
   Discussion of FY2011 Task Force Priorities

3:15–3:30 Break

3:30–4:15 Public Comment Period

4:15–4:30 Task Force Final Comments

4:30 Adjourn

Day 2: Friday, October 1

1st Annual Mississippi Nutrient/Hypoxia Summit

8:00–8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30–8:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Trudy Fisher, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

8:45–9:00 Video: Protecting Our Waters- Reducing Nutrients in Mississippi

9:00–10:30 Presentations from Partners
   Theme: What We’re Doing in Mississippi to Reduce Nutrient Impacts Locally and to the Gulf of Mexico
   Richard Ingram, Special Projects Director, Office of Pollution Control
   Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
   Trey Cooke, Executive Director
   Delta Farmers Advocating Resource Management
   Phil Bass for Dr. William Walker, Executive Director
   Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
   Dr. David Shaw, Vice President of Research
   Mississippi State University/Northern Gulf Institute
   Dr. Stephen Lohrenz, Chair, Department of Marine Science
   University of Southern Mississippi
   Don Underwood, Executive Director
   Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission
   Jim Lipe, Director of Environmental Affairs
   Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
   David Waide, President
   Mississippi Farm Bureau

10:30–10:45 Break
10:45–12:00  Continuation of Presentations from Partners
Homer Wilkes, State Conservationist
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
Mickey Plunkett, Director
U.S. Geological Survey Mississippi Science Center
Kent Parrish, Senior Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Phil Bass, State Policy Coordinator
U.S. EPA Gulf of Mexico Program Office
Richard Ingram, Special Projects Director
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control

12:00–1:00  Luncheon
John Ruskey, Legendary Mississippi River Adventurer

1:00–1:30  Discussion of FY 2011 Nutrient/Hypoxia Annual Operating Plan and the Path Forward
Richard Ingram

1:30–2:00  Presentation and Signing Ceremony of Mississippi Nutrient/Hypoxia Memorandum of Agreement
Trudy Fisher

2:00  Adjourn

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