



18th Task Force Meeting September 23- 24, 2009 Agenda

LOCATION

Embassy Suites Des Moines—On the River
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MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Welcome and introduce new members of the Task Force
- Review and endorse the first Annual Report and FY2010 Annual Operating Plan
- Review strategic proposals to reduce nutrient loads and determine next steps

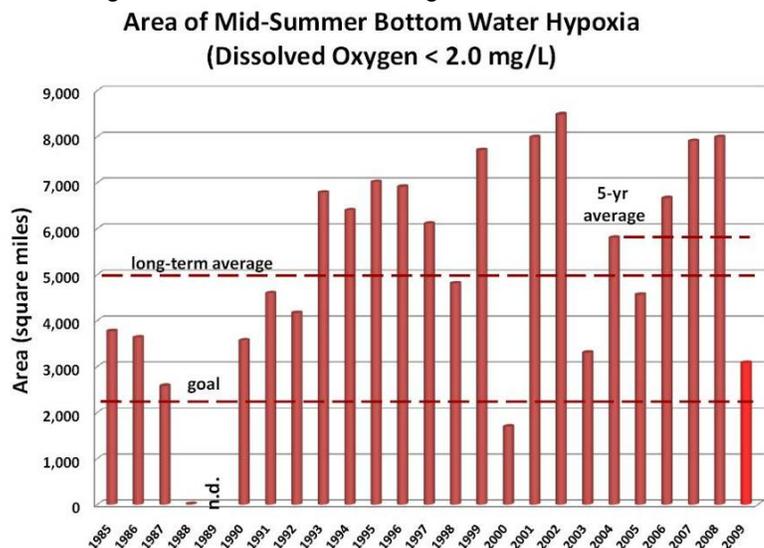
Thursday, September 24

- 7:00 Registration Begins**
- 8:00–8:10 Welcome (Salons E-H)**
Discussion Leaders: Peter Silva (US EPA) and Bill Northey (Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship)
- 8:10–8:30 USDA Announcement Regarding the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative**
Discussion Leaders: Ann Mills (NRE USDA) and Tom Christensen (NRCS USDA)
- 8:30–9:00 Opening Remarks and Introductions by the Task Force**
- 9:00–10:00 Review of Nutrient Reduction Strategy Abstracts**
Dean Lemke (Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship)
Iowa Drainage and Wetland Landscape Systems Initiative for Reducing Nutrient Transport from Cropped Lands to the Gulf of Mexico.

Skip Hyberg (FSA USDA)
Northern Mississippi River Basin Proposal to Reduce Nutrient Transport to the Gulf of Mexico through the Expansion of the Farmable Wetlands Program and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

Peter Tennant (ORSANCO)
Using Market-Based Incentives to Reduce Hypoxic Zone in the Northern Gulf of Mexico.
- 10:00–10:15 Break**

- 10:15–11:15** **Review of Nutrient Reduction Strategy Abstracts**
Richard Ingram (Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality)
 Mississippi's Leveraged Approach to Reduce Nutrient Impacts In-Basin and to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Dr. Keith Ouchley (The Nature Conservancy, Louisiana)*
 Nutrient and Sediment Reduction through Floodplain Restoration.
- Jane Watson (US EPA, Region 6)*
 Beneficial Use of Dredged Material in Coastal Louisiana for Wetland Creation/Restoration and Nutrient Removal.
- 11:15–11:45** **Summary and Approval of the Release of the 2009 Annual Report and 2010 Annual Operating Plan**
Discussion Leader: Darrell Brown (US EPA)
 Goal: Review the first Annual Report and FY2010 Annual Operating Plan.
- 11:45–1:15** **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:15–2:00** **Discussion of Morning Session**
Discussion Leader: Bob Greenfield (Facilitator)
- 2:00–2:25** **Nutrients Innovations Task Group Report Summary**
Discussion Leader: Ephraim King (US EPA)
- 2:25–2:45** **Presentation by the Environmental Working Group**
Discussion Leader: Craig Cox (Environmental Working Group)
- 2:45–3:30** **Public Comment Period**
- 3:30–4:00** **Closing Remarks and Responses from the Task Force**
- 4:00** **Adjourn**
 Please turn in nametags at the registration desk when leaving.



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