

# Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force

## *Tenth Meeting of the Task Force*

### Final Agenda

Renaissance Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri  
November 19, 2003

#### *Meeting Goals:*

- Provide an update to the Task Force on recent activities and progress on the Action Plan;
- Share innovative approaches to nutrient management and the implementation process and schedules; and
- Consider the activities we will work towards over the next year.

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**8:30** Welcome and Introductions (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

**9:10** Current state of Hypoxia in the Gulf, 2003 (Dr. Nancy Rabalais, LUMCON)

#### **Sub-basin Committees – Status**

**9:40** Lower Mississippi (Earl Smith, Arkansas)

**10:00** Ohio (Peter Tennant, ORSANCO)

**10:20 Break**

#### **Monitoring, Modeling, and Research Committee and Future Coordination**

**10:35** Monitoring, Modeling, and Research (Herb Buxton, USGS)

#### **Funding and Innovative Nutrient Reduction Strategies at the Local Level**

**10:55** Opportunities in the Farm Bill for Nutrient Reductions (Tom Christiansen, USDA)

**11:20-1:00 Lunch (on your own)**

Task Force Executive Session: Directing Current and Future Programs to Assist Nitrogen Reduction Efforts in the Mississippi Basin

#### **Nutrient Reduction Actions by the Corps of Engineers**

**1:00** Louisiana Coastal Area Study (Ed Theriot, Army COE)

#### **Clean Water Act Authorities**

**1:20** CAFO Rule, BASF Follow-up, Stormwater Phase II, TMDLs (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)

## **Current Opportunities**

- 1:50** Using the Watershed Initiative and Recognition through Awards of Voluntary Reductions and Innovations (Diane Regas, EPA)
- 2:10** USDA Agriculture Drainage Management Project (Wil Fontenot, USDA)
- 2:30** Iowa CREP Wetlands Creation (Dean Lemke, Iowa)
- 2:50** Sierra Club Petition (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)
- 3:10** **Break**

## **Looking Ahead**

- 3:25** Public Comments (Facilitated)
- 4:00** Looking ahead to 2005 (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)
- 4:25** What can we get done in FY 2004? (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)
- 4:50** Closing (G. Tracy Mehan, EPA)
- 5:00** **Adjourn**