

# 14th Public Meeting of the Task Force

June 12, 2007

## Meeting Agenda

Embassy Suites Hotel New Orleans — Convention Center  
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### Goals of this meeting:

1. Review the first draft of EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) report and agree on the Task Force response
  2. Agree on whether to develop Task Force resolutions on specific topics and plan the next steps
  3. Receive and evaluate public comments on the reassessment progress and schedule
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- 8:00 am** Welcome and introductions of Task Force members—Ben Grumbles, *U.S. EPA*  
Welcome from Louisiana hosts—Len Bahr, *Louisiana Governor's Office of Coastal Activities*
- 8:30 am** SPARROW model initial results—Bill Franz, *U.S. EPA*
- 8:45 am** SAB findings and Task Force discussion—Rick Greene, *U.S. EPA*
- 9:15 am** Public comments on the SAB report
- 9:45 am** **Break**
- 10:00 am** Task Force discussion on the SAB report
- 11:00 am** Task Force resolutions to address emerging issues
- Wetland loss and water diversions in the lower Mississippi River Basin
  - Rapid changes in agriculture driven by bio-fuels demand
  - Support of Farm Bill measures aimed at reducing nutrient losses in the Mississippi River Basin
  - Need for a Federal integrated budget for hypoxia
- 12:00 pm** General Public comments on the progress and content of the reassessment
- 12:30 pm** Task Force closing comments
- 12:45 pm** Closing