

13th Public Meeting of the Task Force

Agenda

Thursday, January 11, 2007

**Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
1800 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Arlington, VA 22202
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Meeting Goals:

- Provide “40% Check-in” on status and progress of the reassessment
 - Agree on Calendar Year 2007 Workplan
 - Agree that the *Visioning Document* is the roadmap to the revised *Action Plan*
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Thursday, January 11, 2007: Public Meeting

8:00 am Registration at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel

**8:30 am Welcome, Introductions, Report out on Executive Session, and Opening
Comments by Members of the Task Force**
Ben Grumbles, USEPA

9:00 am Current State of Hypoxia in the Gulf, 2006
Alan Lewitus, NOAA
Rick Greene, USEPA

Sub-Basin Team Updates

9:40 am Upper Mississippi Sub-Basin Team
Dean Lemke, IDALS

9:55 am Ohio Sub-Basin Team
John Kessler, Ohio DNR

10:10 am Lower Mississippi Sub-Basin Team
Doug Daigle, Lower Mississippi Sub-Basin Committee

10:25 am Break

Reassessment of the 2001 Action Plan

10:40 am Reassessment Update
Darrell Brown, USEPA

- **EPA Science Advisory Board Status**
Tony Maciorowski, USEPA

- ***Visioning Document* Development**
Rob Magnien, NOAA
Dennis McKenna, Illinois DOA
- **Management Actions Reassessment Team (MART) Report**
Katie Flahive, USEPA

12:00 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:15 pm Upcoming Reassessment Activities
Ben Grumbles, USEPA

Basin-wide Activities

1:35 pm Basin-wide Economic Assessment
Mark Peters, USDA

1:50 pm Producer Partnership Initiative
Karen Scanlon, Conservation Technology Information Center

2:05 pm National Water Quality Monitoring Network Update
Janice Ward, USGS

2:25 pm Wetlands and Diversions in the Mississippi-Atchafalaya River Basin (MARB)

- **Louisiana Diversions**
Len Bahr, Louisiana Governor's Office of Coastal Activities
- **Iowa Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Successes**
Dean Lemke, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
- **Upper Mississippi River**
Ken Barr, US Army Corps of Engineers

2:55 pm Break

3:10 pm Public Comments

3:50 pm Task Force Discussion and Decision:

Annual Plan
Finalizing the Reassessment
Ben Grumbles, USEPA

4:15 pm Closing Comments by Task Force Members

4:30 pm Adjourn