

Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force
16th Public Meeting of the Task Force
Draft Agenda

Intercontinental Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
February 28, 2008

Meeting Objective:

The purpose of the meeting is to agree to the language of the draft Action Plan and draft Annual Operating Plan, to agree to publish the Action Plan and Annual Operating Plan, and to seek Task Force direction on budget issues addressing hypoxia.

Thursday, February 28: Public Meeting

12:30 pm REGISTRATION

1:15 pm Welcome and Introductions of Task Force Members

Benjamin Grumbles, Task Force Chair

Charles Hartke, Director of Illinois Department of Agriculture

There will be an opportunity for Task Force Members to make a brief statement.

1:30 pm Introduce the Final Action Plan and Agreements for Implementation through an Annual Operating Plan

Darrell Brown, EPA

Mr. Brown will make a brief presentation on changes to the Action Plan including themes, goals, major science findings, actions and the plan for implementation through an annual operating plan and report. There will be a short time available for discussion and comments from the Task Force.

2:15 pm BREAK

2:30 pm Open Session for Presentations on Implementation

(Such as "Next steps on State Nutrient Reduction and Federal Strategies", "Setting Nutrient Reduction Targets" or "Economic Assessment", speakers TBD)

3:30 pm Public Input

This is the time set aside for members of the public to give input to the Task Force on topics related to the presentations or the draft Action Plan.

5:00 pm ADJORN