



**Mississippi River
Gulf of Mexico
Watershed Nutrient
Task Force**

Spring Public Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Little Rock, Arkansas

Participants have the option to attend the public meeting in person or view the proceedings via webinar. In person location:

Statehouse Convention Center
1 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, AR 72201
Governor's Hall I

- 8:30 am** **Instructions to Webcast Participants**
- Joe Piotrowski, Senior Advisor, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 8:35 am** **Welcome**
- Randy Young, Executive Director, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- 8:45 am** **Agenda Overview**
- Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Remembrance for Dr. David Vigh**
- 9:00 am** **Hypoxia Task Force Progress**
- Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
- 9:15 am** **MOA with Land Grants: Progress Report**
- Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - Dr. John Lawrence, Associate Dean, Department of Economics, Iowa State University
 - Dr. Wes Burger, Associate Director & Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Management, College of Forest Resources, Mississippi State University
- 9:45 am** **Opportunities in New Farm Bill Conservation Programs**
- Ann Mills, Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Tom Christensen, Regional Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 10:30 am** **Break**

- 10:45 am Panel: Nutrient Use Efficiency and the 4Rs**
- The Kansas City Consensus
Dr. Clifford S. Snyder, Nitrogen Program Director, International Plant Nutrition Institute
 - Nitrogen Use Inhibitors
Dr. John Kruse, Agronomist, Koch Industries
 - Walmart Sustainability Project with Farmers
Mark Eastham, Manager, Walmart Sustainability Group
 - Field to Market Stewardship Alliance
Rod Snyder, President, Field to Market: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture
- 12:00 pm Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00 pm The Arkansas Nutrient Strategy: Overview**
- Randy Young, Executive Director, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
 - Ken Brazil, Engineer Supervisor, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- 1:20 pm Panel: Enhancing Nutrient Stewardship at the Local Level**
- Using the P Index to Improve Risk Assessment and Farm Sustainability
Dr. Andrew Sharpley, Professor of Soils and Water Quality, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville
 - A Public-Private Partnership to Enhance the Voluntary Approach to Nutrient Stewardship
Lara Moody, Director of Stewardship Programs, The Fertilizer Institute
 - AACD/NACD Role in Locally Led Conservation
Debbie Moreland, Program Administrator, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts
 - The Role of Certified Crop Advisors in Conservation
Dr. Clifford S. Snyder, Nitrogen Program Director, International Plant Nutrition Institute - representing Arkansas Certified Crop Advisors
- 2:45 pm Break**
- 3:00 pm Panel: Importance of Nutrient Reduction Activities by Private Landowners**
- University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture
Dr. Michael Daniels, Professor, Extension Water Quality, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture
 - Ducks Unlimited
Dr. Scott Manley, Director of Conservation Innovation - Southern Region, Ducks Unlimited
 - Batture Lands Along the Mississippi River
James L. Cummins, Executive Director, Wildlife Mississippi & President, Mississippi River Trust
 - Illinois River Watershed Partnership
Dr. Delia Haak, Executive Director, Illinois River Watershed Partnership
 - The Economics of Conservation for Limited Resource Farmers
Dr. Dewayne Goldmon, Director of Stakeholder Relations, Monsanto Company

- 4:30 pm** **Updates from States on Implementing Nutrient Strategies**
- WI Nitrogen and Phosphorus Summits and New Legislation
Russell Rasmussen, Administrator, Division of Water, Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
 - Update on Ohio Basin Trading
Greg Youngstrom, Environmental Specialist, ORSANCO
- 5:15 pm** **Public Comments**
- Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency
- 5:45 pm** **Adjourn**
- Bill Northey Secretary of Agriculture, Iowa Department of Agriculture and
Land Stewardship