

JANUARY 21 -22, 2015  
EPA POTOMAC YARD CONFERENCE CENTER  
CRYSTAL CITY (ARLINGTON), VIRGINIA

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Wednesday, January 21

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[8:30 – 9:00]                    **REGISTRATION- EPA POTOMAC YARD CONFERENCE CENTER**

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[9:00 – 9:30]                    **CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS**  
Sheritta W. Taylor, Designated Federal Officer, FRRCC  
Dr. Steven Balling, Chair, FRRCC

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[9:30 – 10:00]                    **WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF CHARGE TO THE COMMITTEE**  
Ron Carleton, Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator  
Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator (*tentative*)

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[10:00 – 11:00]                    **INTRODUCTIONS: GET TO KNOW YOUR FRRCC MEMBERS AND AGENDA OVERVIEW**  
Short break included

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[11:00 – NOON]                    **INTRODUCTION TO SOIL HEALTH**  
Dr. Wayne Honeycutt, Deputy Chief for Science and Technology, NRCS-USDA

**SOIL HEALTH DEMONSTRATION**  
John Larson, CEO, National Association of Conservation Districts

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[NOON – 1:15]                    **LUNCH (*ON YOUR OWN*)**

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[1:15 – 2:15]                    **WHAT IS SOIL HEALTH/WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**  
Dr. Nick Goeser, National Corn Growers Association/Soil Health Partnership

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[2:15 – 3:15]                    **WATER AND AIR QUALITY: THE RELATIONSHIP TO SOIL HEALTH**  
Bill Flory, Idaho Farmer, Soil Renaissance

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BREAK 3:15 – 3:30

[3:30 – 4:30]                    **HOW SOIL HEALTH CAN HELP MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS**  
Dr. Jerry Hatfield, Supervisory Plant Physiologist, ARS-USDA

[4:30 -5:00]                    **GENERAL DISCUSSION**



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities  
Federal Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 22

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**[8:30 – 9:00]                    REGISTRATION- EPA POTOMAC YARD CONFERENCE CENTER**

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**[9:00 – 9:30]                    CALL TO ORDER, OUTCOMES FROM DAY 1, AND AGENDA REVIEW**  
**Dr. Steven Balling, Chair, FRRCC**  
**Ron Carleton, Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator**  
**Sheritta W. Taylor, Designated Federal Officer, FRRCC**

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**[9:30 – 10:45]                    WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT: SOIL HEALTH**

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**[10:45 – 11:00]                    BREAK**

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**[11:00 – 12:00]                    WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT: OTHER TOPICS**

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**[12:00 – 1:15]                    LUNCH (*ON YOUR OWN*)**

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**[1:15 – 2:15]                    WORK PLAN REFINEMENT AND NEXT STEPS**

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**[2:15 – 2:30]                    BREAK**

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**[2:30 – 3:00]                    PUBLIC COMMENT**

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