

**Eleventh Meeting of the
Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force
St. Paul, Minnesota
August 31 – September 1, 2004**

Meeting Goals:

- Provide an update and discuss Task Force member comments on recent activities and progress on the *Action Plan for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico (Action Plan)*;
 - Adopt a plan for the 2005 Reassessment as called for in Action Item 11 of the *Action Plan*;
 - Continue to develop a method for measuring progress for reaching the goals of the *Action Plan*; and
 - Outline appropriate actions to continue and revise the *Action Plan*.
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Wednesday, September 1, 2004

7:45 Registration at Science Museum of Minnesota, Breakfast at the Museum

8:30 Welcome and Introductions

- Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, US EPA
- Sheryl Corrigan, Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

9:00 Showing of “After the Storm” segment on Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia

9:10 Current state of Hypoxia in the Gulf, 2004

9:40 Action Two: Sub-basin Committees – Status

- Upper Mississippi
- Ohio
- Lower Mississippi
- Missouri

10:20 Break

10:35 Actions Three, Four, and Five: Monitoring, Modeling, and Research Committee and Future Coordination
Monitoring, Modeling, and Research

10:50 Action Seven: Nutrient Reduction Actions by the Corps of Engineers
Louisiana Coastal Area Study

- 11:00 Action Eight: Clean Water Act Authorities
MS/MO Sierra Club Petition Outcome
- 11:15 Action Nine and Ten: Current Opportunities
Federal and State Programs
- 11:30 Lunch – on your own
- 1:00 Action Eleven: Looking ahead
Proposal for 2005 Reassessment
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 Actions One and Six: Funding and Innovative Nutrient Reduction
Strategies at the Local Level
Report from Industry Led Solutions, Gulf II Meeting
- 3:30 Public Comments
- 4:00 Task Force Discussion
- 4:30 Adjourn