



Fall Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Alton, Illinois

Public Meeting (Central Time)

- 8:10 am Webcast Attendee Welcome
- Joe Piotrowski, Senior Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)
- 8:15 am Welcome
- Robert Flider, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- 8:30 am Review of the Agenda and Introduction of Members
- Ellen Gilinsky Hypoxia Task Force Federal Co-chair and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water, US EPA
- 8:50 am Hypoxia Task Force Progress to Date
- Bill Northey, Hypoxia Task Force State Co-chair and Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS)
- 9:10 am 2014 Measurement of the Size of the Hypoxic Zone in the Gulf of Mexico
- Dr. Robert E. Magnien, Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research
- 9:30 am America's Watershed Initiative Report Card (Update from a Previous Task Force Meeting)
- Jordy Jordahl, Director, America's Watershed Initiative
- 9:45 am Upper Mississippi Nutrient Dialogues Report Recommendations
- Ben Grumbles, President, U.S. Water Alliance
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am Panel on Corporate Sustainability and Agriculture
- Monsanto
Mark Henson, Bioenergy & Sustainability Technical Development Lead
 - Anheuser-Busch InBev: Beer & a Better World
Carol Clark, Global Vice President
 - Using the Water Hub to Engage Corporate America
Jason Morrison, Director, Pacific Institute Corporate Sustainability Program
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm The Illinois State Nutrient Reduction Strategy
- Introduction
 - Robert Flider, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture

- Warren Goetsch, Bureau Chief, Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Overview
 - Illinois Science Assessment -- Dr. Mark David, Professor, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - Future Actions -- Marcia Willhite, Chief, Illinois EPA Bureau of Water
- Stakeholder and Tools Panel
 - Agriculture Community Strategy Response – Lauren Lurkins, Director of Natural and Environmental Resources, Illinois Farm Bureau
 - Nutrient Research Education Council (NREC) – Dr. Robert Hoelt, Professor Emeritus, Department of Crop Sciences, University of Illinois
 - Lake Springfield Watershed Project – Steve Frank, Supervisor of Land & Water Resources, City Water Light & Power, Springfield, IL
 - Point Source Controls – Rick Manner, Executive Director, Urbana, Champaign Sanitary District
 - I-State Soil Health Partnership – Dr. Nick Goeser, Manager of Soil Health & Sustainability, National Corn Growers Association

2:30 pm Status of Land Grant Universities Partnership Workplan (Update from a Previous Task Force Meeting)

- George Czapar, Associate Dean and Director, University of Illinois Extension and Outreach

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm USDA–USGS Collaboration: Evaluating Conservation Effects

- Ann Mills, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Lori Caramanian, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior

Water Quality Benefits of Enhancing Soil Health

- Martin Lowenfish, Conservation Initiatives Team Lead, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

3:30 pm Ag Drainage Water Management Panel

- Paul Sweeney, Senior Project Leader, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Regional Conservationists Office
- Dr. Richard Cooke, University of Illinois

4:15 pm Progress of the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (Update from a Previous Task Force Meeting)

- Introduction by Marcia Willhite, Chief, Illinois EPA Bureau of Water
- Brant Walker, Mayor of Alton, IL
- Tom Thompson, Mayor of Grafton, IL

4:45 pm Public Comment Session

5:15 pm Adjourn