



2026 39<sup>th</sup> Hypoxia Task Force  
Public Meeting Agenda  
Washington, D.C.

Thursday, February 5, EPA East, 1201 Constitution Ave NW or Virtual

- 1:00pm Co-Chairs Opening Remarks
- *Peggy Browne, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, EPA*
  - *Mike Naig, Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship*
- 1:20pm Task Force Publications
- *Katie Flahive, EPA*
- 1:30pm HTF Federal Support
- NOAA Update on Gulf of America Hypoxic Zone
- *David Scheurer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*
- Department of the Interior Update, including USGS Update on Loading Trends
- *Andrea Travnicek, PhD, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, DOI*
  - *Gretchen Oelsner, United States Geological Survey*
- United States Department of Agriculture Updates
- *Aubrey Bettencourt, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA*
  - *Scott Hutchins, PhD, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics and Chief Scientist of USDA*
- 2:00pm State Nutrient Reduction Strategy Outcomes
- *Arkansas, Tate Wentz, Department of Agriculture*
  - *Illinois, Trevor Sample, Environmental Protection Agency*
  - *Indiana, Julie Harrold and Ophelia Norman, State Department of Agriculture*
  - *Iowa, Matt Lechtenberg, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship*
  - *Kentucky, Josiah Frey, Kentucky Division of Water*
- 2:50pm Break
- 3:10pm State Nutrient Reduction Strategy Outcomes, Continued
- *Louisiana, Brian Lezina, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority*
  - *Minnesota, Katrina Kessler, Pollution Control Agency*
  - *Mississippi, Natalie Segrest, Department of Environmental Quality*
  - *Missouri, Chris Wieberg, Department of Natural Resources*
  - *Ohio, Jessica Frey, Division of Surface Water, Environmental Protection Agency*
  - *Tennessee, Sam Marshall, Department of Agriculture*
  - *Wisconsin, Brian Weigel, PhD, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*
- 4:30pm Public Comments
- 5:00pm Closing/Adjourn