

Nutrients Issues:

Status of EPRI Trading Project

Hypoxia Task Force

Agenda Item 13

Trading Project Update

- Credit auction will be April 16th in New York City.
 - Deadline for expressing interest is March 16
 - All credits are stewardship only
- All projects in OH/KY/IN are installed. Around 90,000 credits available for auction.



US Water Prize

- ◉ Administered by the U.S. Water Alliance
 - Non-Profit established in 2008 to build a national program for holistic water policy
 - The United States Water Prize honors individuals, institutions, and organizations that have made an outstanding achievement in the advancement of sustainable solutions to our nation's water challenges.
- ◉ Award ceremony April 13, Washington DC

Carbon Credits

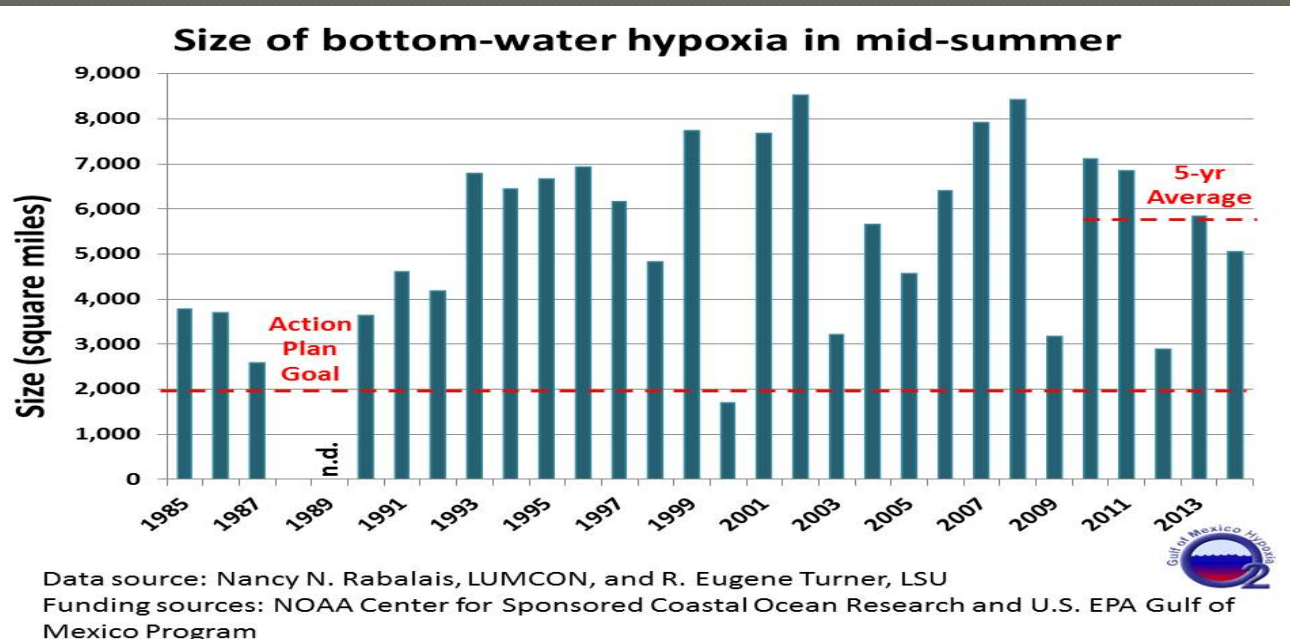
- November 7, 2014 Meeting with Coalition on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, Delta Institute
- Exploring bringing carbon credits into the program.
 - Funding possibilities from the Packard Foundation
 - Challenges with how to link GHG credits to current BMPs

Future of the Project

- EPRI won't sell credits that are applied to NPDES permits
- Transfer the owner/seller role in 2015
- Continue to support the science and stakeholder engagement
- Plan on applying for the next CIG
- ORSANCO's funding ends June 30, 2015.
 - Should we continue to be engaged?
 - After Pilot Phase the project will look to include the remainder of the Ohio River Basin States

Hypoxia Task Force

- Fall Meeting Oct 20-22, 2014
- New EPA Co-Chair is Ellen Gilinsky
- EPA is willing to talk about funding!
- Size of 2014 hypoxic zone = 13,000 km²



New Goals Framework

● Coastal Goal

- Hypoxic Zone less than 5,000 km² by 2035. Interim Goal of 20% reduction of N & P by 2025.

● Accelerated and New Actions to Reduce Nutrients

- State Nutrient Reduction Strategies
- Federal Programs
- Quantitative Measures
- Funding
- Partnerships
- Research
- Reporting to Congress

Report to Congress

- HABHRCA legislation requires a biennial report to Congress.
- First report due June 30, 2015.
- A draft report has been circulated for comment by the Task Force.