

# Nutrients

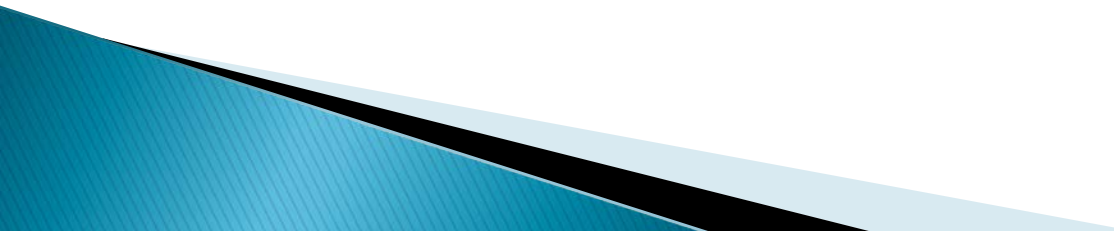
Agenda Item 13 a–c

# Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force

- ▶ Meeting of Task Force April 10–11, Memphis, TN
- ▶ 9 actions
  - Arrange for next meeting of Task Force to coincide with National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
  - Identify one or more new actions/activities to announce at meeting
  - Pull together a collection of state-specific success stories to communicate to stakeholders the momentum generated by the HTF
  - Federal agencies develop a nutrient reduction strategy by next meeting
  - Create a Monitoring Strike Force to focus on comprehensive monitoring needs

# Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force

## ▶ 9 actions

- Continue to schedule and involve state water quality and 319 agencies in meetings with USDA, EPA, and USGS to coordinated monitoring in MRBI watersheds
  - Continue to focus efforts on the development of state nutrient strategies
  - Provide better nutrient reduction cost–benefit analyses to producers
  - Review the Sub Basin Committee approach to support the HTF implementation
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# Water Quality Trading Program

- ▶ Ohio River Basin Pilot Interstate Water Quality Trading Plan
  - Commissioner briefing June 5
    - agriculture agency and permitting agency from KY, OH, IN
    - Signing ceremony July/August?
  - Engagement with Environmental Groups
    - Nature Conservancy; Sierra Club; OH Environmental Council; Environmental Law and Policy Center, IN; MN Center for Environmental Advocacy; KY Water Alliance; KY Resources Council
  - Pilot trades to begin after signing
    - \$100K in BMPs in each State (KY, OH, IN)

# Wabash River Project

- ▶ First year report completed and available on our website
- ▶ Project continuing for another 3 years
- ▶ Bridge closed to traffic on May 21.