

# Gulf of Mexico Program Policy Review Board Meeting

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Embassy Suites Hotel  
Bayou Jean Lafitte Rooms, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Thursday, December 12, 2002

## FINAL AGENDA

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast (in meeting room)**
- 8:30 Welcome and Introductions**  
*Jimmy Palmer, EPA Regional Administrator, Region 4, Atlanta*  
*Hall Bohlinger, Secretary, LA Department of Env. Quality*
- 8:40 Overview of Meeting Agenda & Objectives**  
**Status Review of Follow-up Action Items**  
*Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office*
- 9:00 Harmful Algal Blooms Observing System Pilot Project Status**  
*Dr. Bill Benson, Director, EPA ORD's Gulf Ecology Division Laboratory*
- Purpose:** To receive an update on the progress of the Hazardous Algal Blooms Observing System (HABSOS) pilot.
- 9:45 Bacterial Source Tracking Research**  
*Dr. R.D. Ellender, Assistant Dean for Research & Development*  
*College of Science & Technology, University of Southern Mississippi*
- Purpose:** To receive an overview of the current state of the research in this topic area and to solicit broad Gulf State involvement in a collaborative EPA Region 4 and University of Southern Mississippi initiative to provide Gulf State coordination and support for applied Bacterial Source Tracking research.
- 10:30 ----- Break -----**
- 10:45 GMP Mercury Project Update - re: Gulf State Marine Fish Advisory Consistency**  
*Dr. Fred Kopfler, Gulf of Mexico Program Office*
- Purpose:** To receive an update on the status of the GMP initiative to achieve consistent marine fish advisories re: Mercury in Gulf Seafood.
- 11:15 President's Interagency Work Group on Mercury Presentation**  
*Gene Whitney, Policy Analyst, Office of Science & Technology Policy*

**Purpose:** To receive an Executive Briefing on the development and status of President's Interagency Workgroup on Mercury and their future plans relative to the Gulf of Mexico region.

**12:00 Catered Lunch - 2002 Gulf Guardian Awards Video Presentation**

**12:45 Presidential Executive Order Recommendations - Final Review**

*Bryon Griffith, Gulf of Mexico Program Office*

**Purpose:** (1) To conduct the final review of the Management Committee's recommendations regarding the proposed Presidential Executive Order establishing the Gulf of Mexico Program; (2) To discuss and finalize a supporting implementation strategy and schedule for submitting the Executive proposal to the EPA Administrator.

**1:30 GMP's Assistance Role in the Advancing Development and Deployment of NASA's Space-based Earth Sciences Support**

*Dr. David Powe, Director, Earth Science Applications Directorate  
NASA, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi*

**Purpose:** To explore stronger partnership opportunities through NASA's Space-based Earth Science Applications Development Program.

**2:00 Hypoxia Action Plan Status: Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team Development Report (Agricultural Sector) - Lower Mississippi Valley Initiative's (LMVI) Watershed Approach**

*Wil Fontenot and Ron Harrell*

**Purpose:** To receive an update on the status of the Lower Mississippi River Sub-basin Team's development re: Agriculture's organization (e.g., LMVI) and process (i.e., Watershed Approach) approach to addressing many of the sub-basin's industry led solutions.

**2:30 Additional Topics, Wrap-up and Next Steps**

*Jimmy Palmer and Hall Bohlinger*

- CAC Resolution on Louisiana Wetland Loss

**2:35 Adjourn**