

## Day 1 (Feb 15) all times Central

12:00 US Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Tanya Trujillo

12:10 US Geological Survey Director, David Applegate

12:40 Prairie Island Indian Community President, Johnny Johnson

13:10 US Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley Division, Andy Ashley

13:40 Break

13:50 USGS - Layout afternoon topics

13:55 Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force, Katie Flahive

14:15 Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, Hon. Errick Simmons, Hon. Jim Strickland, and TBD

14:45 Ducks Unlimited, Karen Waldrop

15:15 The Nature Conservancy, Bryan Piazza

15:45 Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee, Brian Nerbonne

16:15 Lower Mississippi River Conservation Committee, Angie Rodgers

16:45 USGS - Wrap-up and Day 2 agenda

17:00 Adjourn for day

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## Day 2 (Feb 16) all times Central

**9:00 USGS Welcome back and agenda for the day**

**9:10 Water Quality**

Lauren Salvato, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association  
Jennifer Graham, US Geological Survey  
Barb Kleiss & Mead Allison, Tulane University  
Brief Q&A

**10:05 Restoring Habitat and Natural Systems**

Jim Pahl, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority  
Jeff Houser, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program  
Sara Schmuecker, US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Brief Q&A

**10:55 Break**

**11:05 Aquatic Invasive Species**

Greg Conover, Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association  
Gray Turnage, Mississippi State University  
Kim Bogenschutz, Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Brief Q&A

**11:55 Lunch break**

**12:35 Welcome back**

**12:40 Improving Navigation**

Sean Duffy, Big River Coalition  
Lynn Muench, The American Waterways Operators  
TBD  
Brief Q&A

**13:35 Local Resilience to Natural Disasters**

Steve Buan, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Molly Woloszyn, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
John “Bud” Plisich, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Brief Q&A

**14:25 Break**

**14:35 Major Influences**

Richard Harrison, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission  
John Bullough, US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Peter Nimrod, Mississippi Levee Board  
Brief Q&A

**15:25 Climate Science Along the Mississippi River**

Olivia Dorothy, American Rivers  
Renee McPherson, South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center  
Brief Q&A

**16:05 Discussion Points, Next Steps, Final thoughts, and Wrap-up**

**17:00 Adjourn**

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