

Governor's Task Force on Wild Rice: November 8 Meeting Agenda

Meeting 5 – November 8, Shoreview, 10:00am – 5:00pm

Objectives

- ✓ Continue to build community
- ✓ Learn about sulfate treatment options
- ✓ Begin to generate ideas for recommendations regarding sulfate treatment
- ✓ Learn about regulatory variances
- ✓ Hear responses to task force member questions
- ✓ Discuss how to engage stakeholders with the final report

Agenda

- **Welcome, Rational & Experiential Objectives and Agenda Review (10:00-10:15)**
Welcome group and go over agenda, process, and logistics for the day. Discuss rational and experiential objectives for the meeting.
- **Public Comment Period (10:15-10:45)**
- **Sulfate Treatment Panel Discussion (10:45-12:15)**
Presenters will share their understanding of the current treatment options for sulfate and what should be considered when balancing effectiveness and cost. Members will engage in a structured activity to help integrate knowledge and develop ideas for moving forward.
 - Ø Scott Kyser, Wastewater Engineer, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
 - Ø Adrian T. Hanson, Professor Environmental Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth
 - Ø Katie Wolohan, Environmental Engineer, Barr Engineering
 - Ø Al Parrella, Head Wastewater Operator, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District
 - Ø Dan Jones, MnDRIVE Environment Program Coordinator, BioTechnology Institute & Dept. of Earth Sciences, University of Minnesota
 - Ø Elise Doucette, Policy Specialist, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

LUNCH (12:15-12:45)

- **Variance discussion (12:45-1:15)**
The Task Force will hear what it means to receive a variance, the process to determine if it is applicable, and implications for future permits.
- **Large group discussion on sulfate treatment (1:15 – 1:45)**
- **Small group discussion and activity on sulfate treatment (1:45-2:45)**

Break (2:45-3:00)

- **Review of questions submitted by Task Force members-** Catherine (3:00-3:45)
Catherine Neuschler will provide information to address questions posed by Task Force members.
- **Idea categorization activity** (3:45-4:15)
Task Force members will review the ideas generated by the task force as a group and as individual members and categorize them by placing color coded dots on each idea.
- **Stakeholder Engagement Discussion** (4:15-4:45)
Task Force members will discuss how to engage stakeholders, (i.e., MN Chippewa Tribes and state legislators, and others) with the final report.
- **Wrap up** (4:45-5:00)