

**SPECIAL
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INTEREST:**

- ADMS/ADMC Task Force Meeting
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Agricultural Drainage Management Systems (ADMS) Task Force & Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition (ADMC) meeting to be held in Des Moines, IA, September 26-27-28, 2007

The fall meeting of the ADMS/ADMC will be held at the Radisson Hotel near the Des Moines airport. For reservations call 515-285-7777. Anyone interested in drainage issues are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Jim Fouss at (225) 757-7726 if you are planning on attending.

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Wednesday PM Sept. 26	- Radisson Hotel – Des Moines airport - - Conference Room -
1:00 PM	Welcome Messages to Iowa: ADM Coalition; ISU; ARS; NRCS
1:15 PM	Opening Comments: Self-Introductions, Announcements, Local Arrangements, Meals, and Overview of Agenda.
1:30 PM	Opening Comments by Exec. Director of ADM Coalition
1:45 PM	NRCS overview comments on DWMS & Agency activities; and, IA issues/concerns/questions regarding DWM, & new NRCS activities in IA re: soil/plant/water-conservation
2:30 PM	Special Presentation: "Hydrologic effects of drainage water management; Where does the water go?"
3:00 PM	--- BREAK ---
3:15 PM	Invited Presentation: "N stabilizing products"
3:35 PM	ADMC Midwest CIG DWM demonstration project reports • State Project Progress Reports: IA, MN, IL, IN, OH • Reports from States not in the CIG Project
5:15 PM	--- Adjourn for the Day --- evening sessions on your own ---

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Executive Directors Report

Implementing all of the CIG demonstration projects across the five states at times has become a daunting task. Seventeen of the sites are in with three more to be retrofitted after harvest this fall. With any project their seems to be start-up problems,

especially with electronics or equipment located underground. Thanks to the technical people at Agri Drain, who are coordinating and installing the monitoring equipment, we will have all of the equipment up and operating by October.

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Thursday Sept. 27	" - - Agri Drain Corp. Tour - - " - Tour Guide: Charlie Schafer - - Adair, Iowa -
8:00 AM	Meet at Radisson Hotel entrance; board buses @ 8:00 a.m. (can leave materials in Conference Room, if needed)
9:00 AM	Tour of Agri Drain Corp. facilities
12:00 NOON	Tour Bus arrives back at Radisson Hotel; • Box Lunch (provided courtesy of Agri Drain, Corp.) will be served in Conference Room
Thursday	- Continuation of ADMS Task Force Meeting -
1:00 PM	Call Task Force Meeting to order....
1:05 PM	Presentation: "Efficacy of DWM across the Midwest"
1:25 PM	"A State's perspective on drainage water management: Gaps and Research Needs"
1:55 PM	EPA updates: Review (a) existing programs, (b) upcoming programs, and (c) new grant opportunities, etc.
2:25 PM	ADMS-TF response to EPA Science Advisory Board's final report on the Hypoxia Action Plan issued 08/30/2007.
2:45 PM	--- BREAK ---
3:00 PM	CIG Project data collection & reporting protocols: • Automatically collected data • Manually collected data • Site specific check list spreadsheet • Other topics.. Economics of the DWM practice ADMS Website Field Days Education & Public Outreach Keeping to 3-year schedule
4:45 PM	Open Q & A or Discussion Period on pervious session presentations and reports.....
5:00 PM	Comments about Friday morning's Session Topics; and advance overview of invited presentation by the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture on Fri. morning.
5:15 PM	--- Adjourn for the Day --- -- evening sessions on your own --
Friday Sept. 28	- Radisson Hotel - - Conference Room -
8:00 AM	Needs for special arrangements/transportation today?
8:10 AM	Special Award Presentation: ASABE Award to ADMS-TF members for published bulletin on "Q&A on DWMS".
8:20 AM	Overview from Iowa Environmental Council
8:40 AM	Overview on DWM from Iowa Secretary of Agriculture
9:00 AM	NRCS Training Program in Illinois on: "How to Develop a Drainage Water Management Plan"
9:30 AM	Follow-up Q & A period on DWM Training Program

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9:45 AM	<p>Panel Presentation/Discussion on the Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the best Seasonal Operational Management Strategies for DWMS by geographic regions? Discuss operation in terms of expected beneficial impacts on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Local Stream Water Quality, and (2) Hypoxia in the Northern Gulf of Mexico (3) Crop yield response
10:15 AM	- Break -
10:30 AM	<p>Open Discussion Period (for example... to look ahead...):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is additional R & D needed to determine & develop the best Seasonal or Regional DWMS Operational Strategies? • Could or should Fertility Management experiments be integrated with DWMS on CIG sites upon completion of current 3-year project? • Integrated DWM & Fertility Mgmt. -assign Committee?
11:00 AM	ARS National Program Staff (Beltsville, MD) - <i>Overview</i>
11:20 AM	Review planned Workshops/Field Days on DWMS by Task Force, Coalition, or other organizations
11:30 AM	Review of Other Upcoming Conferences, Symposia, and Meetings where Presentations on DWMS can be proposed on the programs or Program Sessions organized
11:40 AM	Suggestions for next ADMS Task Force meeting Schedule and Location; <i>Theme</i> for next meeting ? (e.g., Future Expanded Goal or New Focus for ADMS-TF ?)
11:50 AM	Task Force meeting wrap-up Comments and Summary of Accomplishments, plus a review of items to be followed up on by Task Force and Coalition Members.
12:10 PM	- - Adjourn the Task Force Meeting - -
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In the last month, I have attended meetings of the Nat'l Soil & Water Conservation Society and the 15th National NPS (Non-Point Source) Monitoring Workshop. I participated in three drainage water management field day demonstrations, and gave drainage water management presentations at numerous meeting. The interest level in drainage water management is increasing wherever I go. I just recently talked with a landowner that is designing a 180 acre farm for drainage water management. He will be doing the installation this fall after harvest.

Currently Congress is debating the next Farm bill and included in the House version is increased funding for conservation practices. The bill provides

\$20 million/year for Conservation Innovation Grants along with funding for a new Regional Water Enhancement Program (RWEP) to improve water quality and quantity in priority areas.

Hopefully the Senate will adopt some of these new initiatives that will ultimately help producers and landowners adopt new or enhanced drainage water management systems. Now that Congress is back from recess, the Senate Ag. Committee will be working on their version of the Farm Bill. They need to complete and pass a new bill by October 1, the start of the federal fiscal year.

