

KY NUTRIENT NEWS

Hypoxia Task Force Public Meeting

On February 5th the Division of Water represented Kentucky at the [39th Hypoxia Task Force Public Meeting](#) in Washington, DC. The Division provided updates on Kentucky's progress and engaged with other federal and state members. This meeting provides an opportunity for collaboration and an opportunity to hear from the public. The Hypoxia Task Force heard a report out on [point source progress](#) from EPA, status of the [Hypoxic Zone](#) from NOAA, and long-term nutrient loading trends [long-term Mississippi River nutrient trends](#) from USGS. Kentucky and the other Hypoxia Task Force states provided [progress updates](#) and heard comments from the [Gulf Hypoxia Program Coalition](#), [One Mississippi](#), [Louisiana Hypoxia Working Group](#), and [Healthy Gulf](#).



The Division of Water also attended the [Agricultural Nutrient Policy Council's Phosphorus Workshop](#) where researchers from across the country presented on the emerging sciences of legacy phosphorus sources, streambank erosion phosphorus contributions, and lag-time for phosphorus delivery. By engaging in these public forums with leaders in agriculture, wastewater, and ecosystem science, the Division of Water helps Kentucky stay current with the latest science and represented in regional discussions.



2026 Report to Congress

Every two years, the Hypoxia Task Force is required to provide a Report to Congress on state and federal actions across the Mississippi and Atchafalaya River Basin. For 2026, this report has been split between state and federal activities, with the [State Actions and Outcomes 2026 Report](#) now available. Kentucky's updates reflect progress since 2023 and initial implementation of the [Gulf Hypoxia Program in Kentucky](#).



UPDATES

- DOW's latest [Water Resources Report](#) provides a snapshot analysis of Kentucky's precipitation, drought, streamflow, and water storage.

EVENTS & RESOURCES

- The Kentucky Water Utilities Advisory Committee will meet Friday, **March 6th** at 300 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort. More information can be found [here](#).
- The Kentucky Agriculture Science and Monitoring Committee will meet on Thursday, **March 12th** from 9:30-11:30 at the US Geological Survey in Louisville. The meeting will also be [online](#).
- The Nutrient Subcommittee of the Kentucky Water Utilities Advisory Committee will meet Monday, **March 16th**. More information is available [here](#).
- The NRCS State Technical Committee will meet on Thursday, **April 16th** at 9:30 at the NRCS office in Lexington.
- The 68th Annual Conference of the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Operators Association will be held May 5-7 in Owensboro. More information is available [here](#).
- The 2026 Kentucky/Tennessee Water Professionals Conference will be held **July 19-22nd** in Lexington. More information is available [here](#).

RESEARCH & NEWS LINKS

- [Tennessee Nutrient Task Force 2025 Annual Report](#)
- [The US EPA's National Nutrient Inventory: Critical Shifts in US Nutrient Pollution Sources from 1987 to 2017 | Environmental Science & Technology](#)
- [Office of the Governor - Agriculture Waste-to-Energy in Carlisle County](#)