

**United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Air Quality Task Force
November 6 – 7, 2008
Washington, D.C.**

**Meeting Agenda (Day One)
Thursday, November 6, 2008**

9:00	Call to Order and Announcements	Michele Laur , Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
9:10	Welcome/Opening Remarks	Arlen Lancaster , NRCS Chief
9:20	Self Introductions	Task Force Members
10:00	Update of Task Force Role/Responsibilities Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Ethics	Karen Carrington , USDA OGC Attorney-Advisor
10:40	Break	
10:55	USDA Draft Climate Change Research Plan	Bill Hohenstein , USDA Director of the Global Climate Change Office
11:40	California Update on Climate Change and Agriculture	Cynthia Cory , USDA AAQTF Member
12:10	Lunch	
1:10	Agricultural Research Service: Agency Overview, Issues and Priorities	Charlie Walthall , ARS National Program Leader For Global Change and Air Quality
1:30	Energy, Air Quality and Agriculture	Dr. Marie Walsh , University of Tennessee
2:15	Animal Agriculture Environmental Issues	Tom Hebert , Senior Vice President Ogilvy Government Relations
3:00	Break	
3:15	Importance of USDA's AAQTF	Edward Schafer , Secretary of Agriculture
3:30	Past Accomplishments and Future Directions & Subcommittee Expectations, Issues, Concerns and Scope (Open Discussion)	Arlen Lancaster , NRCS Chief Task Force Members
4:15	Public Comment Session	Public
4:45	Wrap-Up Day One Schedule for Second day of the Meeting	Arlen Lancaster , NRCS Chief
5:00	Adjourn Dinner on your own	

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Friday, November 7, 2008**

8:00	Call to Order and Announcements	Michele Laur , Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
8:05	Opening Remarks	Arlen Lancaster , NRCS Chief
8:10	Air Quality – Present and Future Impacts	Gary Mast , Deputy Under Secretary, NRE
8:30	<u>Agency Overview, Issues, and Priorities:</u>	
8:30	Natural Resources Conservation Service	William Puckett , NRCS Deputy Chief for Science and Technology
8:50	US Forest Service	Allen Solomon , USFS National Program Leader for Global Change Research
9:10	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	Ray Knighton , CSREES National Program Leader for Air Quality
9:50	Economic Research Service	Marc Ribaud , Agricultural Economist
10:30	Break	
10:45	Environmental Protection Agency	Sally Shaver , Acting Ag Advisor to the Administrator of EPA
11:45	Lunch	
12:45	Subcommittees Signups/Issue Determinations	Michele Laur , DFO
	Introduction of Liaison Staff – <i>Closed Session</i>	Task Force Members, DFO and Subcommittee Liaisons
1:00	Subcommittees Breakout Session – <i>Closed Session</i>	
3:00	Subcommittees Report on Potential Topics for Subcommittee Consideration	Subcommittee Leaders
3:30	Next Meeting Discussion & Wrap-up	Arlen Lancaster , NRCS Chief
3:40	Adjourn	

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