



OFFICE OF WATER SPEAKER REQUEST

FORM

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline for Acceptance: September 15, 2017

Event Title: Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Project – Amendment Signing

Speech Date: October 26, 2017

Is the Above Date Flexible: Yes.

Speech Time & Duration: 12:00 noon. 15-20 minutes (Times are flexible)

Speaker Requested: Lee Ferguson or Mike Shapiro

Event Location: 30 minutes southeast of Columbus, Ohio.

Open Press/Closed Press: Open Press

Is Event Webcast/Recorded/Transcribed: No

Purpose of the Event: Execute amendment to Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Plan, on-site farm tour with a funded project. Value Statement: The project is an excellent example of proactively leaning forward to support farmers, protect water quality and ecosystems, and accelerate the innovative injection of private money into local economies and watersheds.

Speech Topic: Water Quality; Watershed Protection; Environmental Markets; Need for innovation and collaboration between agencies and stakeholders to legitimately advance water protection in a way that also incentives economies.

Requested Presentation Format: Speech

Speech/Presentation Duration: 15-20 minutes

Audience: Invited guests only. Estimate 50-65 people attending, plus media.

Event/Organization Web Site: <http://wqt.epri.com>

Event Agenda/Program: 10:00am Arrive at farm on southeast side of Columbus, OH (30 minutes from Columbus Airport)
10:30am Opening Speaker:
11:30 am Amendment Signing and Photos
12:00 pm Lunch & Keynote speaker:
D. Lee Forsgren, Assistant Deputy Administrator of Water, USEPA
1:00 pm Property Tour (vernal pools, corn-soy rotation, forest, biodiversity)
2:00 pm Depart

Notable Guests Attending: R. Bruce Scott, Deputy Secretary, Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection
Dan Daniels, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Craig Butler, Director, Ohio EPA



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