

Mississippi River Forum
Friday, April 24, 2009
7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Science Museum of Minnesota—Argon Room
120 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102

7:30-8:00-Sign In and Continental Breakfast

8:00-Welcoming Remarks

Eric Jolly. President, Science Museum of Minnesota.

Paul Labovitz. Superintendent, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, National Park Service.

8:15-9:00-Bacteria in the Upper Mississippi River

Discussion of bacterial contamination in the Mississippi River, as well as a short overview of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) process by which this impairment is being addressed. *Includes 25 minutes for audience discussion.*

Barb Peichel. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

9:00-9:15-Break

9:15-10:00-Emerging Contaminants

Discussion of new contaminants being discovered in the river (particularly those associated with wastewater), and their effects. *Includes 25 minutes for audience discussion.*

Kathy Lee. United States Geological Survey-Minnesota Water Science Center.

10:00-10:45-Pollution's Impacts on Wildlife

Discussion of wildlife research—and observed trends—along the Mississippi River, including the discovery of contaminants in the blood of bald eagles. *Includes 25 minutes for audience discussion.*

Bill Route. National Park Service.

10:45-11:00-Break

11:00-11:45-Connections between Land Use and Water Quality

How do specific land uses impact the river's water quality? How can development be approached to minimize its negative water quality impacts? *Includes 25 minutes for audience discussion.*

Don Berger. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

**11:45-12:15 Future Forum Events, Announcements
(concurrent lunch)**

As lunch begins, attendees will hear about upcoming Mississippi River Forum meetings, and are invited to share announcements that would be of interest to Forum participants. *Limit announcements to no more than 1 minute.*

Lark Weller. National Park Service.

**12:15-1:00-Keynote Speaker-Don Shelby, WCCO News
(concurrent lunch)**

Mr. Shelby, a self-described "river rat," has spent his life enjoying and observing the Mississippi River. Hear how this notable Minnesotan has seen the river—and our understanding of it—change over time. What changes have been positive? What do we need to keep working on?

1:00-Workshop Adjourns

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Please share your ideas for future Mississippi River Forum speakers and topics with event organizers.