



National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)  
Midwest Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)  
Regional Workshops  
Rochester, MN

**November 7, 2016**

- 12:15 - 1:00 Sign in
- 1:00 - 1:20 Introductions  
*Tonya Bernadt, NDMC*
- 1:20 – 1:50 Current Drought Conditions & Climate Outlook  
Historical Drought Overview  
*Pete Boulay, Minnesota State Climatologist*
- 1:50 – 2:15 Introduction to NIDIS, Midwest DEWS, and Strategic Plan  
*Courtney Black, NIDIS*
- 2:15 – 2:45 Revisit Needs from the Midwest DEWS Kickoff Workshop  
*Facilitator, Courtney Black, NIDIS*
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 3:30 Existing Activities to Enhance Drought Early Warning and Long-Term Resilience  
*Greg Kruse, Minnesota DNR*  
*Craig Schmidt, NWS Chanhassen*  
*Doug Kluck, NOAA*  
*Facilitator, Nicole Wall, NDMC*
- 3:30 – 4:00 Use of Available Drought and Climate Tools & Resources  
*Facilitators, Beth Hall, MRCC and Kelly Smith, NDMC*

- 4:00 - 4:45 Drought Mitigation Planning, Triggers, and Response Panel Session  
*Greg Kruse, Minnesota DNR*  
*Greg Engle, Wisconsin Emergency Management*  
*Brian Johnson, St. Paul District USACE*  
*Facilitator, Courtney Black*
- 4:45 - 5:00 Wrap Up and Adjourn  
*Courtney Black, NIDIS and Tonya Bernadt, NDMC*
- 5:30 - 7:30 Informal Networking Event

## **November 8, 2016**

- 9:00-9:10 Overview of the Day  
*Courtney Black, NIDIS*
- 9:10-10:10 Strategy 1 Development - Small Group Breakouts
- Collection and Dissemination of Drought Impacts
  - Collection and Dissemination of Adaptive Management Capacities
  - Support of Drought Vulnerability Assessments
- 10:10-11:10 Strategy 2 Development - Small Group Breakouts
- Leveraging Existing Citizen Science Monitoring Programs
  - Consistent Drought Messaging Across Sectors
  - Improving Transfer of Drought & Climate Information to Stakeholders
- 11:10-12:15 Working Lunch  
*Mesonets in the Midwest region*  
*Stuart Foster, Kentucky State Climatologist*
- 12:15-1:15 Presentation of Strategies  
*Facilitator, Tonya Bernadt, NDMC*
- 1:15-2:00 Wrap Up and Adjourn  
*Courtney Black, NIDIS and Tonya Bernadt, NDMC*