

**Water Quality Credit Trading: Cost Reduction Opportunities for
Wastewater Treatment Operators
Tuesday, August 5th, 2008, St. Cloud, Minnesota
Agenda**

- 9:00-9:30 AM **Check-in**
- 9:30 AM **Introductions**
Tom Green, President of Agflex, current USDA grant funding this conference
- 9:45 AM **Clean Water Act -- From '72 to Today: Explanation of the NPDES Permits, Nonpoint Sources, Water Quality Credit Trading**
Jim Klang, Senior Project Engineer, Kieser & Associates, LLC, explains the history and provisions of the Clean Water Act, that set the framework for water quality protection and establish Water Quality Credit Trading as a unique legal mechanism to reconnect source reduction efforts with economic cost savings.
- 10:30 AM **Water Quality Credit Trading 101: Including National Examples**
Mark Kieser, Senior Scientist, Kieser & Associates, LLC, will explain the basic requirements needed to establish a Water Quality Credit Trading program and present national examples.
- 11:45 AM **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Pending Statewide Rules on Water Quality Trading**
A representative from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will provide an update to participants on the current Minnesota State Water Quality Credit Trading rule development effort.
- 12:30 PM **Break for lunch**
- 1:15 PM **Agriculture's Role: the Farm Bill and Producer Economics**
Tom Green, President of Agflex, will discuss key provisions of the Farm Bill and explain limiting economic factors farmers face today. Understanding these limitations provides opportunities for open communication with producers to set reasonable expectations and trade pricing.
- 2:00 PM **Agriculture and Water Quality Credit Trading**
Brian Brandt, Director of Risk Management for American Farmland Trust, connects the dots providing information on Water Quality Credit Trading projects developing in Minnesota.
- 2:30 PM **Adjourn**