National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)
Midwest Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)
Regional Workshops
Cincinnati, OH

December 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  
Aaron Wilson, Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center

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  
Stuart Foster, Kentucky State Climatologist  
Jim Noel, NWS Ohio River RFC  
Colleen Kaelin, Kentucky Department for Public Health  
Facilitator, Tonya Bernadt, NDMC

3:30 – 4:00  Use of Available Drought and Climate Tools & Resources  
Facilitators, Beth Hall, MRCC and Crystal Stiles, HPRCC
December 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 Communication of Drought Impacts  
         ▪ Collection and Communication of Adaptive Management Capacities  
         ▪ Support of Drought Vulnerability Assessments

10:10-11:10  Strategy 2 Development - Small Group Discussion 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*