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Mid America CropLife Names Water Consultant

Steve Taylor, Missouri Agribusiness Association is the new person.

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St. Louis, MO - The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) has named Steve Taylor as its new water consultant. Taylor serves as President and Executive Director of the Missouri Agribusiness Association (MO-AG). Currently as part of his duties at MO-AG, Mr. Taylor engages in issues affecting the industry and works with several affiliated organizations.

Based in Jefferson City, Missouri, Taylor will continue to provide insight and information on water issues such as the Clean Water Act, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), the Federal Water Quality Coalition, as well as continuing working cooperatively with the Great Lakes Industry Council/Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy. He will offer backgrounders and position statements on assigned issues and coordinate with state associations in region.

As the MACA Water Consultant, he provides research and information gathering services directed by MACA in crop

protection matters including the U.S. Geological Survey's National Water-Quality Assessment Program (USGS NAWQA) and the Great Lakes Initiative involving Canada and the Midwestern States. In addition, he monitors, reviews, and assists MACA with respect to environmental concerns, in pending state management plans, legislative and executive branch proposals, laws, regulations, and/or developments, which may affect MACA.

"Steve is known for his extensive involvement with agricultural and water quality issues for over 20 years," stated Bonnie McCarvel, MACA executive director. Previously, Taylor served six years as CEO for the Environmental Resources Coalition (ERC) where he oversaw a team conducting projects with specific goals that included improving 303(d) listed impaired waters and assisting MDNR and EPA in development of TMDLs and water quality standards.

Prior to his employment with ERC, he worked as Program Director for the Missouri Corn Growers Association and focused on Atrazine issues relating to the state's drinking water. From 1988 to 1996, Mr. Taylor was employed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and managed a watershed program addressing issues involving agricultural non-point source pollution.

Currently, Steve serves on the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City and serves as Co-Chairman of the Fishers and Farmers Partnership (FFP). The FFP is a coalition of state and federal government agencies and agricultural organizations in the Upper Mississippi River Basin dedicated to support locally-led projects that add value to farms while restoring aquatic habitat and native fish populations.

Taylor obtained his bachelor and master degrees from the University of Missouri.

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The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) is a non-profit association of manufacturers, distributors/formulators and allied industry of crop protection products in 13 Midwestern states. MACA works to identify existing and emerging issues relating to agribusiness and to take action to address those issues identified as important to our members. Check our web site at www.maca.org.

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