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## TO PROMOTE AND GUIDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COORDINATED, COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE GROUND WATER PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

November 18, 1999  
Horace R. Collins Laboratory  
Alum Creek State Park  
3615 S. Old State Road  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

### ABSTRACT

The November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements, and continued discussion of ground water issues that need to be prioritized and addressed by SCCGW over the next year or two.

### ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp

OEPA: Tom Allen, Patrick Fellrath, Kristy Hunt, Heather Raymond

ODNR: Rick Pavey, Mike Hallfrisch,

ODH: Jean Caudill, Russ Smith

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Ralph Haefner

### OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY

Content changes were made to Rebecca Petty's comments concerning the new Private Water Rules. These changes include: Local Health Districts will be receiving the new rules and will be receiving statewide training. Training sessions are also scheduled for the private water system contractors.

Content changes were also made to Rebecca Petty's comments concerning the Home Sewage Rules. These changes include: The new Home Sewage Rules provide for the use of alternative systems to help minimize off-lot discharges and are performance based (set treatment and discharge standards but do not specify technology). ODH would like to have a general NPDES permit developed to deal with future off-lot discharges where alternative systems cannot be installed. ODH is working with OEPA on this issue. An initial draft of the rules will be sent to the Ad hoc Advisory Committee in December and ODH will also be meeting with the Local Health Districts early next year to collect their comments.

### AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***U.S.G.S, Water Resources Division, Ralph Haefner announced:***

1.) Passed out a 319 Proposal Summary (see hard-copy attachment) explaining the concepts behind an SCCGW coordinated ground water 319 project titled "Creation of a Comprehensive Database Describing Ground-Water Data and Data-Collection Efforts in Ohio". The objectives of this project are to identify, characterize and document ground-water data in Ohio, as well as to identify data-collection gaps and data needs. Ralph Haefner presented a similar project at the Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) Fall Conference which is seeking to collect meta-data information on all water data. This project proposal will be submitted in the next 319 call for proposals. Please provide comments on the proposal to Ralph Haefner by December 3, 1999. Contact Ralph if you still would like to provide comments or have questions about the proposal.

- In 1991-1992 a consultant was hired to conduct a similar effort, the consultant put together the information available within Ohio Agencies (not restricted to ground water). This information could be considered when completing the proposed project. The information data gap has been identified as a ground water priority (statewide project) since the revisions to the 1988 NonPoint Source Management Plan. Tom Allen spoke with Gail Hesse and the next 319 call for proposals will not be until at least mid January 2000.

- Heather Raymond pointed out that page B-27 of the 1999 Ohio NonPoint Source Management Program Draft Goal #1 addresses ground water data needs.

***ODH, Bureau of Local and Environmental Services, Russ Smith and Jean Caudill announced:***

1.) New Private Water System Rules - ODH is presently in the process of conducting 5 training sessions for registered water well drillers. The SCCGW was very instrumental in the development of the new rules. (1) Hand-out, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3701-28 Private Water Systems Rules.

2.) ODH no longer has a chemistry testing laboratory. There will be a contract which will allow ODA to handle future ODH water chemistry and microbiological testing needs. Those needing to have private wells tested can go to private labs for testing needs.

3.) ODH is in the process of updating the 22 year old Household Disposal System Rules. The first draft is complete and is currently within the Legal Department. The draft will go to the Ad hoc Committee members in December, the Ad hoc Committee will meet in January or February. Revisions will be made based on the comments received, then Regional Meetings will be conducted for 6 months to a year. The rule updates are seeking to keep household sewage disposal on-lot as well as looking at alternative system types. There will still be occasions where there are off-lot discharges. OEPA will be developing a General NPDES Permit to coincide with the revised rules for future household system installations and alterations.

- Presently Household Sewage Disposal is regulated at the County level. Senator Gardiner, ODH, and the Governor's Office are supporting the need for legislation that would give ODH the oversight authority over Household Sewage Disposal.

***Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks, Charles Zepp announced:***

**No Agency Updates**

- Heather Raymond mentioned that Ohio EPA had BUSTR's Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) database address matched and 75% of the LUST sites were matched and 24% of the sites were at least matched to the correct zip code area.

- Charles responded that the LUST database needed to be updated for 1998 and 1999. 4,000 tanks were removed in the last quarter of 1998 because of the 1988 regulations requiring the update of underground storage tanks. BUSTR is in the process of putting together a new program for the LUST site database. Right to Know, Emergency Management Organization and BUSTR will be geo-locating through (GPS) new and existing UST locations. When Ohio EPA SWAP identifies through the Potential Contaminant Source Inventory process a site that was not identified in the database, then the Public Water System should call BUSTR with the updated information.

- Russ Smith asked who ODH should contact at BUSTR and is BUSTR going to households to take samples near releases? Charles suggested contacting the Duty Officer, and as far as sampling BUSTR is not getting out.

- ODNR, Division of Water has received a request from the Amanda Township Trustees (Allen County) to hold a public hearing regarding ground water use conflicts arising from pumping at Delphos's Amanda Township wellfield. Based on the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the Division must hold a hearing or meeting. The Division is required to issue a report after the hearing or meeting which may include recommendations. ODNR is still in the initial stages of responding to the request and scheduling the meeting.

***OEPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Tom Allen announced:***

- 1.) Unified Clean-Up Program - Tom has been representing Mike Baker, Chief DDAGW, on the Waste Steering Committee. A series of position papers are being developed for review by the Committee and presentation to the Director. Jeff Patzke of OEPA-DDAGW will present the finalized papers to SCCGW at a future meeting.

- BUSTR will consider the final results of the Unified Cleanup Program for inclusion in their new rules.

**No Agency Updates:**

**Ohio EPA-DSW**

**PUCO**

**DECEMBER AGENDA**

**The meeting will be held at ODNR Fountain Square Location, Building D-Third Floor Conference Room, 8:30 to 11:00 AM.** The meeting will include Agency updates and further discussion of SCCGW Workgroup activities.

**HAND-OUTS**

- (1) USGS 319 Project Proposal Summary
- (2) ODH - OAC Chapter 3701-28 Private Water Systems Rules
- (3) OEPA - November 22<sup>nd</sup> SCCGW 319 Screening Committee Meeting Agenda
- (4) OEPA - 319 Ground Water Project Proposal-Evaluation Forms

**WORKGROUP UPDATES**

**I. Well Construction Document:**

- The Well Construction Document is down to editorials, Kathy Sprowls (ODNR Division of Water) is making a few particular edits and then will be sending the document to Rebecca Petty. A second SCCGW Committee will be put together early next year to evaluate and prepare recommendations on what should be done to address other types of water wells. An OEPA group is looking at regulatory requirements of construction standards for PWS wells. Rich Bendula, Scott Sutliff, and John Arduini are OEPA/DDAGW staff assigned to this group. John Arduini is the lead person for the group.

### **III. Ground Water Strategy - Revision Workgroup**

- Tom Allen has not had a chance to work with the new Administration on receiving the buy in for the Ohio Ground Water Strategy. By the January SCCGW meeting Tom Allen will provide a draft briefing on the various directions of the Strategy, which SCCGW members can take to their respective Directors in order to get concurrence to move forward with the Strategy revisions.

### **IV. Midwest Ground Water Conference Planning Group:**

- The next Midwest Ground Water Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn East on October 17-19, 2000. Mike Hallfrisch has not received any information from the last host state Minnesota. SCCGW members on the Conference Planning Group include Jim Raab, Mike Hallfrisch(lead), Tom Allen, Jeff de Roche, Rebecca Petty, each of these members will have other agency staff members assist with the conference planning. The call for papers will go out in February 2000. The Conference Work Group should meet with the Hotel to get a layout of the rooms, the conference will be using every available conference room at the hotel.

- The WMAO Fall Conference will be just three weeks after the Midwest Ground Water Conference and will be co-sponsored by Ohio EPA. There will be SCCGW Representatives involved with both planning committees, they will coordinate efforts to make contacts with and assure involvement from Academia for poster session material as well as possible speakers. Also a need to reach out to Advisory Group members who are assisting various Agencies with rule reviews, upgrades, and program development issues, etc., as well as a need to contact individuals involved with annual ground water festivals such as the Dayton, Hamilton and Butler County Ground Water Festivals. The SCCGW Committee members should also have something at the Conference that visibly shows the groups makeup and its priorities, as well as the work of their respective agencies.

### **V. 319 Work Group/Screening Committee:**

- A 319 Screening Committee Meeting will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Highbanks Metro-Park. The goals of the meeting will be to train Screening

Committee members on the use of Ground Water and Statewide 319 Project Proposal Evaluation Forms, evaluate submitted 319 Ground Water Project Proposals, and consider ground water priorities for the next 319 call for proposals (2001).

- (2) Handouts included: November 22<sup>nd</sup> Screening Committee Meeting Agenda, Ground Water and Statewide Project Proposal Evaluation Forms. See hard copy attachments.

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