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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

January 20, 2000
ODNR Fountain Square, Building D
Third Floor Conference Room
Columbus, Ohio

ABSTRACT

The January 20, 2000 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

ODA: Larry Berger

ODH: Rebecca Petty

ODNR: Scott Brockman, Mike Hallfrisch, Scott Kell

OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Kristy Hunt, John Kessler, Valerie Orr, Lindsay Taliaferro,
Heather Raymond

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Ralph Haefner

DECEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

Workgroup Updates: I. Well Construction Document - The statement in this section "An Ohio EPA workgroup is looking at regulatory requirements of construction standards for PWS wells", has been revised to "An Ohio EPA workgroup is revising well construction rules".

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, John Kessler announced:

- Ohio EPA is working with ODH to review their Home Sewage Disposal Rules for technical and program issues to develop a general NPDES permit for homes with off lot discharges. When this permit is developed it is intended that the initial review of the permit application will be done by the Local Health Department. Ohio EPA's role would be a

willingness to assist with the review of the general intent if requested or needed and final approval.

- Governor Taft signed House Bill 197 (Sludge Program Authorization) in December of 1999. Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water will be dealing with the development of new rules to implement the sludge program in the near future and will hire additional staff.

- The Division of Surface Water is working on interim guidance for the treatment of land applied Municipal Wastewater. DSW is waiting on the legislation before proceeding with new Animal Feeding Operation Rules. DSW's review of Permit to Install Applications for septic systems overlays with DDAGW's Class V Well Rules and there is often communication between the two Divisions.

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

- May 9th and 10th, 2000 is the Spring Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) Spring Conference, to be held at the Marriot North Hotel. Ralph Haefner and Jeff deRoche of the USGS are heading the Spring Conference.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Mike Hallfrisch announced:

- ODNR's January 20, 2000 public meeting with Delphos was canceled and will be rescheduled. ODNR's investigation of the de-watering of 7 residential wells in Trenton, Ohio determined that the de-watering in 4 of the wells could be contributed to large water users in the area and the other 3 wells could not. 1999 was the driest year on record in 117 years of recording precipitation. May - December 1999 was the 12th driest period of time on record.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geologic Survey, Scott Brokman announced:

- No Agency updates.

ODH, Bureau of Local and Environmental Services, Rebecca Petty announced:

- ODH has received several calls on the new Private Water Systems Rules. ODH has received an influx of applications for Private Water System Contractors. Drillers have requested the right to use fire clay for sealing wells and annular spaces, ODH is presently researching the applicability of this request. The deadline to come into compliance with Rule 18 of the Private Water Systems Rules has been extended to January 1, 2001.

- The first draft of the Household Sewage Disposal Rules have been sent to the Ad Hoc Committee members who met with ODH during the week of January 17th, 2000 to provide comments on the first half of the draft and will meet again in February 2000 to review the second half of the draft. The Ad Hoc committee members include Industry, Ohio EPA, ODNR,

and Local Health Districts. Once all of the Ad Hoc comments have been received, ODH will conduct an outreach effort with the Draft Rules. ODH is working with Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water to develop a NPDES Permit for those sites requiring off lot discharges.

Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Heather Raymond and Kristy Hunt announced:

- The Source Water Assessment and Protection Program's (SWAP) Resource Characterization effort has been completed in the 5 pilot counties (Greene, Fairfield, Medina, Sandusky, Coshocton). The goal for completing pilot county (5 year time of travel) delineations is March 2000. DDAGW recently held a meeting with its Source Water Advisory Group (SWAG) and received a positive response on the progress that has been made with the SWAP program to date.

- Ralph Haephner suggested that Ohio EPA DDAGW consider preparing a report that documents Ohio EPA's expectations of the Ohio SWAP outcome results versus the actual program results.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- Ohio-American's rate case is under investigation and PUCO's position cannot be stated until after the report has been released. Asked for the results of the January 18, 2000 Drought Task Force meeting. Tom Allen provided that Mike Baker was the lead contact for the Drought Task Force. Ohio EPA will be working with Public Water Systems and County Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs). The County EMAs will be surveying Public Water Systems to see if they are experiencing any difficulties due to the drought and how they are handling these difficulties.

Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management Vlad Cica announced:

- The Division's Chief Barb Bridicka has accepted the position of Assistant Director for Ohio EPA. Stuart Brunny Southeast District Office/District Chief is also presently the Division's Acting Chief.

- The Solid Waste Siting Rules Committee has sent in revised draft rule language. The draft language for the Siting Criteria Rules will be provided to SCCGW Representatives in the hardcopy mailing of the January 2000 draft meeting notes.

Ohio Department of Agriculture Larry Berger announced:

- Attended a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Conference in New Orleans in December 1999. Joe Hanes replaced Mark List as Deputy Director. The Pesticide Management Plan has

received verbal agreement and has been sent to ODA Director for formal approval. The ODA Director will meet with the other State Agency Directors to get them up to speed on the plan.

- ODH received a letter asking for State Agency concurrence, ODH agreed to the concurrence.
- Th well sampling effort has sampled 8 of the planned 50 agricultural wells.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil & Gas Scott Kell announced:

- The Division continues to make progress towards their merger with ODNR's Division of Mines and Reclamation. The merger could take place as soon as July 2000. Looking ahead to have the oil and gas wells available on the Internet. Individual well records will be accessed by ownership and geographic region.

Featured Presentation: Valerie Orr of Ohio EPA DDAGW/Underground Injection Control (UIC) Unit provided a presentation on the "*Development of the New UIC Class V Well Requirements*". Please see the attached hardcopy of the January 20, 2000 SCCGW notes for a copy of the overheads used in Valerie's presentation.

WORKGROUP UPDATES

I. 319 Work Group/Screening Committee:

- Heather Raymond announced: USEPA accepted Ohio EPA's NonPoint Source Management Plan within the week of January 10, 2000. The 2001 319 call for proposals will go out on March 2nd, 2000 with a deadline of May 31st, 2000. A list of final 319 Ground Water Priorities for 2001, as identified by the SCCGW, will be provided at the groups February 17th, 2000 meeting. Two options for addressing the 2001 319 call for statewide proposals include creating a very broad statement or outlining 1 or 2 targeted statewide projects.
- A draft handout listing 2001 319 Ground Water priorities based on comments from SCCGW members was provided. A list of 2002 319 Ground Water priorities should be compiled in the Fall of 2000.
- Julio Perez of Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water has informed those who will be receiving 2000 319 Project Funding. An official announcement has not been made concerning projects selected for 2000 319 grant funding.
- All SCCGW members present should provide final suggestions for the 2001 319 Ground Water priorities to Heather Raymond by February 9, 2000. All State Agencies should identify their major data sources and provide them to Ralph Haefner to assist with the SCCGW metadata 319 project proposal.
- Ralph Haefner of the USGS announced the proposed statewide metadata project is presently being outlined. Chris Kenah and Mike Slattery of Ohio EPA's DDAGW have met

with the USGS to assist with the development of the proposal. The group decided that a model for the proposed metadata database should be developed to aid with outlining the entire project. Once the data model has been completed a presentation could be made at the February 17th SCCGW meeting. Ralph will be looking at past statewide data collection efforts to aid in the development of the database model. Those with comments and suggestions on the metadata project should provide them to Ralph. A proposal format for the proposed 2001 319 Statewide metadata project will be available by May 2000.

- Scott Kell announced that ODNR Division of Oil and Gas is considering a GIS Application 319 Ground Water Project proposal.

- Rebecca Petty announced that ODH is considering a project proposal for the 2001 319 call for proposals. The anticipated proposal would suggest putting together a database application to track private water systems. This project could be completed with the present software and computer applications already in place within ODH. The proposed database could be accessed through the Internet.

II. Midwest Ground Water Conference Workgroup

- The Workgroup will meet on January 28th to discuss the call for Abstracts. The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn East October 16th - 18th, 2000. The Conference is meant to promote all State Agencies, Advisory Groups, Planning Groups and Universities.

HAND-OUTS

- (1) 2001 319 Ground Water Priorities list (Draft)
- (2) New Class V Well Requirements

FEBRUARY AGENDA

The meeting will be held at Horace R. Collins Laboratory, 8:30 to 11:00 AM. The meeting will include Agency updates and further discussion of SCCGW Workgroup activities and a presentation on the SCCGW proposed metadata 319 statewide project.

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