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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

August 17, 2000

Horace R. Collins Laboratory - ODNR Repository
Conference Room

ABSTRACT

The August 17, 2000 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements, and continued discussion of the WMAO and Midwest Ground Water Conferences.

ATTENDANCE

ODA: Larry Berger

ODH: Russell Smith

ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Rick Pavey

OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Kristy Hunt, Bob Knipmeyer, Jeff Martin, Julio Perez,
Scot Sutliff

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Rod Sheets

JULY MEETING SUMMARY

There were no suggested revisions to July's meeting summary.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- ODNR is hiring a new Environmental Specialist 2 to work in the Water Planning Division.
- Midwest Ground Water Conference Planning updates: Costs have been finalized for the Conference Registration and Field trip. The announcement and registration information will be mailed out in early September.

ODH, Bureau of Local and Environmental Services, Russel Smith announced:

- August 21-25, 2000 there will be a Baroid Well Construction Workshop. There are no registration fees for this workshop. For more information contact Russ Smith, John Wells, or Rebecca Petty 614-466-1390.
- Continuing to implement new Private Water Systems Rules. Using the new down-hole camera a lot. ODH just got a brand new down-hole camera, fairly large setup. Also expecting a new camera to be purchased this month.
- Jean Caudill is working on revising Household Sewage Rules.

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

- SWAP assessment work continues on the five pilot counties of Greene, Fairfield, Medina, Sandusky, and Coshocton. Each District Office will be completing their SWAP assessments at different times because of the different number of PWS existing within each of the counties. Draft process manuals are being developed for each step within the SWAP assessment process. Also working on a SWAP Final Report template that the district office staff can use to assist them in compiling final SWAP Assessment Reports.
- There is a signed contract with Woolpert to GPS all NonCommunity public water systems in Ohio.

U.S.G.S, Water Resources Division, Rod Sheets announced:

- Handout: The Importance of Ground Water in the Great Lakes Region. There are some issues about Ohio within the publication. USGS will be having this as a handout at the Midwest Ground Water Conference.
- New projects: There will be a regional ground water level synoptic near Air Force Plant 36 and Mill Creek. There will be four real-time sites on the USGS(Ohio District) home web page after about Monday, September 21, 2000. Another proposed project near Berlin Lake will provide a surface water quality and ground water quality synoptic. Also working with the USEPA on City of Tremont Landfill in reviewing ground water sampling reports and doing some surface/ground-water interaction field work. A proposed project for the upper Great Lakes area concerning surface to ground water interactions is planned to take place within the next few years.

Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Tom Allen announced:

- WMAO Fall Conference Update: The Ground Water Division intended to invite guests from Universities in Ohio offering ground water based curriculum. The Geological Society of America Conference is conflicting with the WMAO dates and this planned two hour discussion has been canceled. There is an Executive Board Meeting for WMAO Vice Presidents at Atwood Lake State Park, August 16-17, to finalize the WMAO fall conference schedule.

- DDAGW's Biennium Budget was submitted internally last Friday. Both SWAP and Ground Water Quality Agenda's are expanding. Pay raises are substantially influencing the budget funding.

- The Well Construction Document is in final edits and the document should be out soon.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- On September 7, 2000 there will be a delegation from the Ukraine coming to find out about regulating water resources and technology. Their emphasis in the past has been on regulating electricity and gas, now moving towards water resources. They will also be visiting USEPA.

- Asked for an update on the Water Resources Council. Bob Knipmeyer added that he heard it was starting back up again and he will ask about it for Sue.

ODNR, Geological Survey, Rick Pavay announced:

- USGS has offered ODNR \$20,000 to assist with putting bedrock topography, and mine maps into a GIS format.

Tom Allen recommended that ODNR coordinate with the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP) to assist with setting up the GIS concepts with this effort. OGRIP is working with Ohio's state agencies to standardized GIS formats.

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

- Sent Solid Waste Siting Criteria Rules to JCARR. All SCCGW members should have received a copy of these rules. There will be a JCARR Public Hearing on September 6, 2000.

- Kirby Tire Tour: Please note the Kirby Tire Site visit will be held on October 2nd, 2000. Rebecca Petty and Vlad are coordinating a meeting location. An Agenda for the

meeting is attached to the meeting notes. Bring your boots for this visit. This will be a full day event.

Ohio Department of Agriculture, Larry Berger announced:

- Have sampled over 100 wells for the pesticides sampling project. Twenty-five samples got lost somewhere and Larry is tracking them down. Of the sampled wells, there was one detection of 0.2 ppb of Atrazine, well below the MCL and action level.
- In the Plant Pesticides Division the Gypsy Moth Program Coordinator resigned last week. Gypsy Moths have been a real problem this year. ODA will not know how the spray project is working until another 2 years.
- The Farm Science Review is coming up. ODA is hosting the National Convention of State Agriculture Directors on September 23-25.
- Things have stayed on schedule and are winding up for the recycling program.

Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Julio Perez announced:

- Just finished the 1999 round of grant agreements for 319 selected projects. Have \$6 million dollars allocated for 24 projects. Working to get the 2000 project proposals finalized and grant agreement signed, will have \$6 million dollars to fund 26 projects in this cycle. Hoping to have \$6 million dollars for 2001 funding as well.

PRESENTATION

Trinka Mount, Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water provided a presentation on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program. See attachments to the hard copy version of these notes for copies of the presentation slides.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2000 AGENDA

The meeting will be held from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Horace R. Collins Laboratory Conference Room. The meeting will include Agency updates and further discussion of SCCGW Workgroup activities.

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