

# STATE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GROUND WATER

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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

February 15, 2001

Horace R. Collins Laboratory - ODNR Repository  
Conference Room

### **ABSTRACT**

The February 15, 2001 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements on Agency and SCCGW Workgroup activities. Jeff Patzke (OEPA) gave a presentation on the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Cooperation (ITRC) Workgroup.

### **ATTENDANCE**

BUSTR: Charles Zepp

NRCS: John Armentano

ODA: Larry Berger

ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Rick Pavey

OEPA: Tom Allen, John Kessler, Barb Lubberger, Jeff Patzke

OSU: Cindy Folck

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Jeff de Roche

### **JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY**

**No changes.** One member suggested an edit that had already been made on the final version of the January meeting summary.

### **AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ***ODNR, Division of Geological Survey, Rick Pavey announced:***

The surficial mapping project is progressing. Currently three years' worth of older maps are being digitized. ESRI is scheduled to provide training soon on GIS aspects of the project.

***Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:***

- The State Agency Coordinating Group of the Ohio Water Resources Council met January 22 under the new structure: an Executive Council composed of Agency Directors; a State Agency group composed of Agency program managers; and an Advisory Group composed of representatives of environmental groups, industry, etc. It was proposed that representatives of federal agencies be taken off the Advisory Group and serve as ad hoc advisors to the State Agency Group. A proposed make-up of the 20 person Advisory Group will be recommended to the Executive Council.

***U.S. Dept. Agric., NRCS, John Armentano announced:***

- The Western Reserve Resource Conservation and Development Area, a nine-county area in northeast Ohio, has been approved and is getting a coordinator.

- NRCS is working on certifying employees for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans, which deal with animal waste.

- Natural Resource Inventories are now available on the Web. These provide information on items such as land use changes, acreage of cropland, and erosion rates.

- The Service has hired a new outreach coordinator, Tamika Walker. In the next few months three student interns will be hired.

- The Service is working on a scoring sheet for the Prime Farmland Preservation Program. Under this program development rights are purchased for prime farmland, with 50 percent of the funds coming from a local group. The scoring sheet will help determine what land will fall under this program.

***U.S.G.S, Water Resources Division, Jeff de Roche announced:***

- A hiring freeze has been imposed by President Bush, to be lifted agency by agency. The Division is anxious to begin lining up student interns for the summer field work.

- The Division is developing a proposal to set up uranium-biofixation demo site at Fernald. This will involve running leachate through a cell containing bacteria that immobilizes uranium.

***Ohio Department of Commerce, BUSTR, Charles Zepp announced:***

- There are currently two openings posted, with plans to hire 2-3 interns this summer.

- The Bureau is providing training on MTBE in ground water. This product is problematic because it is extremely soluble and is difficult to remove from groundwater, even using carbon treatment and strippers. Also, it breaks down into formaldehyde, acetone, and TBA.

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

- They have received calls to investigate a potential wellfield for the City of Lebanon.

***Ohio Department of Agriculture, Larry Berger announced:***

- The Lake Erie Commission has set up a “buffer team” to establish buffer zones along streams. Four training sessions have taken place, with Larry, Larry Antosch (Farm Bureau), Eric Norland (OSU Extension) and NRCS staff participating as speakers.

- The Ohio Inter-agency Council on Environmental Education is a new group tasked with coordinating the agencies to provide environmental education to schools. It is headed by Carolyn Watkins (Ohio EPA, Office of Environmental Education).

- There is interest in reviving the Ohio Natural Resources Coordinating Committee. An MOU recently was signed by directors of various state and federal agencies.

- The position of Assistant Chief of the Feed and Fertilizer and Pesticide Regulation divisions has been created but is not yet posted.

- There has been a major Gypsy moth infestation throughout the state. Bill Pound, from OSU Extension, has been hired to handle this problem.

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

- Recently the Natural Resources Conservation Service adopted a new 590 and 633 standard for manure management. The Division is adopting these standards into permits for large feeding operations.

- Comment period on proposed federal rules on concentrated animal feeding operations closes May 12<sup>th</sup>.

***OSU Extension, Pesticide Education Program, Cindy Folck announced:***

- She will be attending SCCGW meetings as a representative of OSU Extension.

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

- The new fact sheet “Ground Water in Ohio” prepared by DDAGW, is out from State Printing. The fact sheet will also be available at the Division’s website.

**WORKGROUP UPDATES**

No updates provided.

**MARCH 15, 2001 AGENDA**

**The meeting will be held from 8:30 - 11:35 a.m. at the Horace R. Collins Conference Room in Delaware, Ohio.**

**FEATURE PRESENTATION**

Jeff Patzke gave a presentation on the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Cooperation (ITRC) Workgroup. This group was formed in 1995 primarily to speed the deployment of environmental technologies by regulatory agencies. By providing case studies, peer exchange, technology advocates, and training courses (including free Internet-based training sessions), ITRC hopes to spread acceptance of promising technologies that have proved effective but have not yet been endorsed by regulatory agencies.

Currently 38 states are participating, with conference calls every month and two major meetings every year. The web site address is: <http://www.itrcweb.org>.

