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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 16, 2001

Horace R. Collins - Conference Room

ABSTRACT

The August 16, 2001 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements on Agency activities as well as reviewing the Ohio Water Resource Council's goals and objectives.

ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp

ODA: Larry Berger

ODH: Rebecca Petty

ODNR: Jim Raab, Rick Pavey

OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Michael Eggert, Kristy Hunt, Bob Knipmeyer

PUCO: Sue Daly

NRCS: John Armentano

USGS: Jeff de Roche

JULY MEETING SUMMARY

No Comments.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ODH, Bureau of Environmental Health Services, Rebecca Petty announced:

- ODH will take a 100 day extension for filing the Household Sewage Treatment Rules. The rules will first go back to the Public Health Council and then to JCARR. Rebecca will be meeting with the ODH Director soon to discuss the rules. ODH is developing marketing material that will be used before the next draft is released. ODH is evaluating the cost of sewer hook-up versus installing a household sewage treatment system to demonstrate that household treatment systems are cheaper. Because of the

number of requests, a second draft of the Household Sewage Treatment Rules will be released in mid-September 2001. The draft rules will be posted on the Web. Five to six public meetings will be scheduled for the second draft of the rules in September - October 2001. ODH is working with Ohio EPA, DEFA to promote funding sources for household sewage treatment systems.

- Lake County filed a complaint against Ashtabula County's sewage program.

- The ODH Director denied the registration for Charles Barndt of Ohio Drilling Company.

- The National Ground Water Association has asked Rebecca to provide a workshop on arsenic studies completed in Ohio. Mike Slattery of Ohio EPA DDAGW and Rebecca will be giving a presentation about Ohio arsenic issues.

- ODH has modified the survey process for its Local Health Districts. Most issues found on the survey concern the education of water well drillers and what they are required to do. Throughout the next three years, ODH will meet with each Local Health District and stress the accurate completion of driller well logs.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- Recently have been noticing a lot of media articles regarding either the lack of or too much water.

- PUCO is doing a 5-year rule review for water/wastewater rules. PUCO would like Ohio EPA to review the rules for potential conflicts.

- PUCO has received inquiries concerning the regulation of water. Depending on if it is a public water supply or a private water supply, PUCO will refer these inquiries to either Ohio EPA DDAGW or ODH.

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

- New legislation has increased the disposal cost of tires by \$1.00.

- A public hearing was held on July 27th, 2001 for several new rules. Public comment seemed to favor the direction the rules were going, but the rules were not quite complete. In order to address the received comments, Ohio EPA decided to withdraw the rules and will re-file them at a later date so they can consider public comments about the rules.

- Three new management positions have been posted for the Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management. These positions include two Managers and an Assistant Chief position.

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

- Ground water levels west of Toledo are lowering and people are losing their wells. TMACOG is working on this problem and the USGS may do something with federal matching funds.

Jim Raab said that there is a quarry in this area that received a permit to go below their original permitted depth. After removing a shale layer, a lot of dewatering occurred around the quarry. People located six miles from the quarry are complaining of lowered water levels. ODNR did a follow-up study on water levels in this area in the mid 1990s.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Jim Raab announced:

- Joel Vormelker and Peter Finke have both retired from the Division of Water.

- A new intern was hired for the well log section.

- It is not apparent when the Division of Water will change buildings.

- In September 2001, the well log card files and their images will be put into the electronic database and the card files will be boxed with the Division of Water's move. It will cost between \$60,000 and \$70,000 dollars to get images and on-line well log filing available on the Web. ODNR is looking to get involved with OWWA's volunteer certification for water well drillers to provide training on GPS units as well as training on rock identification.

ODNR, Division of Geological Survey, Rick Pavey announced:

- Bob Vanhorn of the Geological Survey and Fiscal Officer Billie Long have retired.

Ohio Department of Agriculture, Larry Berger announced:

- ODA finished the 2001 container recycling. Participation in the container recycling increased this year and the pounds of containers collected decreased.

- ODA will finish up the Pesticide Collection Program for 2001 in September. ODA has twice completed a statewide pesticide collection effort and picked up 1 million pounds of pesticides. Pesticides often turn up when people buy old farms and find a stock pile of old pesticides on the farm.

- CAFO rules status: Norm Widman with the NRCS is on the rules committee. The process is going well and on schedule. The regulations should be completed by

September-October 2001. USEPA will visit ODA to talk about the Ohio EPA / ODA CAFO transfer with the two agencies.

Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Michael Eggert announced:

- The Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) will hold its Annual Forum on September 22-26, 2001 in Reno. This year's focus will be on integrating Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Act issues. Mike Baker will assume the position of President of GWPC. Information can be obtained on line at www.gwpc.org.

- DDAGW will be filling a GIS position that was left vacant by Brian Gara who moved to a new position in the Division of Emergency and Remedial Response at Ohio EPA.

- SWAP Assessment work continues in all of the districts and in central office. DDAGW is working to complete most of Coshocton, Greene, and Medina Counties by the end of September 2001. Staff are working on conjunctive and karst area assessment issues.

- The Ground Water Quality Program will begin to use USEPA's STORET database. This database will make water quality information readily available on the internet. All Ohio EPA DDAGW ambient data will be available by the end of 2002 on STORET.

- 319 Applications: Five 319 Applications for ground water projects were submitted. Jeff de Roche has been the SCCGW Representative on the 319 selection committee during the past two years.

SCCGW Representatives decided to schedule a meeting for the morning of September 7, 2001 to review the submitted 319 ground water proposals. This meeting is in addition to the regularly scheduled September 20, 2001 SCCGW meeting.

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:

- There is an entry level Soil Conservationist (SC) position in Huron County. There is also a Civil Engineering tech. position open in Seneca County.

- Two media events are scheduled to kick off the rehabilitation of the Chippewa dam in Medina County and the Upper Hocking #9 in Fairfield County under the Dam Rehabilitation Act.

State Fire Marshall, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations, Charles Zepp announced:

- A guidance document for the new Corrective Action Rules is available on the BUSTR Web site. Information will also be available on compact discs and in hard copy form.

Charles will provide hard copies of the document to SCCGW members at the September 20th, 2001 SCCGW meeting.

Ohio EPA, Director's Office, Bob Knipmeyer announced:

- Ohio EPA's Division of Emergency and Remedial Response (DERR) is promoting the 2001 Inland Spills Conference to be held September 24th -26th, 2001 at the Kings Island Resort and Conference Center 5691 Kings Island Drive Kings Island, Ohio. Continuing Education Credits are available for this conference.

WORKGROUP UPDATES

No updates provided.

September 20, 2001 Agenda: The September 20, 2001 SCCGW meeting will be held from 8:30 until 11:30 at the Horace R. Collins Conference room. The meeting will continue the discussion and identification of action items related to OWRC - Goals and Objectives.

Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC): Ohio Strategic Water Resources Goals:

- There was a meeting on July 20, 2001 of the OWRC State Agency and the State Advisory groups. The two groups reviewed the draft goals and objectives including comments provided by SCCGW.

- There are now 7 major OWRC goals. Michelle Willis fit the 1988 action items into the 2001 goals and objectives. Michelle asked the State Agency Representatives to provide comments. The next step is to finalize the goals objectives, and action items by the end of 2001.

- Michelle Willis will be mailing out the draft revisions of the OWRC goals objectives, and action items to the State Agency Representatives and giving them six weeks to provide comments.

- On October 19, 2001 the OWRC Advisory Committee will meet to review the comments and to review the action items the state agencies submitted.

- SCCGW representatives agreed that each state agency representative to SCCGW would review the draft OWRC Goals and Objectives in conjunction with their respective agency's action items and the 1998 OWRC Strategic Plan, 1999 Ohio Nonpoint Source Program Upgrade, the 1986 Ohio Ground Water Protection and Management Strategy, and the 1991 draft revision and documents developed in reference to U.S. EPA Region V's elements of a comprehensive state ground water program plan. SCCGW representatives will meet on September 7th to discuss and coordinate their separate comments before sending them to Michelle Willis.

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8:30 - 8:35 am CALL TO ORDER
 -Introductions

8:35 - 8:40 am AUGUST DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

8:40 - 10:30 am AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 -Legislation/Rules/Policies
 -Program Developments/Organizational Changes/New Hires
 -Miscellaneous

10:30 BREAK

10:45 - 11:25 am Continued discussion and identification of action items related to OWRC -
 Goals and Objectives

11:25 am AGENDA

11:30 Adjourn