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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

September 18, 2003

Horace R. Collins Conference Room
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Repository Building
3307 South Old State Road
Delaware, Ohio

ABSTRACT

The September 2003 meeting consisted of Agency updates and announcements, and a presentation on the new landfill rules by Ohio EPA staff.

ATTENDANCE

OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger, Jeff Martin

ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Mac Swinford

PUCO: Sue Daly

NRCS: John Armentano

USGS: Jeff DeRoche

AUGUST MEETING SUMMARY

No corrections requested.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

USGS, Water Resources Discipline, Jeff DeRoche announced:

- Staff changes: Donna Myers is moving to Reston to become the new NAWQA chief; Gary Rowe is moving out to the Denver office to head up the NAWQA program there; Chuck Schalk is moving to Augusta, Maine. Dan Shifflet is retiring.

- Currently the USGS budget seems to be in good shape.

- USGS is concerned that budget issues have obliged ODNR to discontinue operation of numerous stream-flow gauges throughout Ohio, and is hoping that other agencies can step in to help keep this program going.

- Recently USGS published two documents:
 - Fact Sheet: "Collecting Peak-Flow Data in Ohio Through the Use of Crest-State Gages" (2 pages)
 - Report: "Watershed Inventory, Ravenna Training and Logistics Site, Ohio, Open-File Report 02-495, by Chad J. Ostheimer and John S. Tertuliani (40 pages).

Natural Resource Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:

- With Federal Fiscal Year 2003 ending this month, NRCS is scrambling to complete this year's contracts for the various reserve programs. For Farming and Ranchland Reserve Programs, \$2,360,000 has been awarded in contracts. For the Grasslands Reserve Program, there were 626 applications involving 61,000 acres. NRCS has approved 20 rental agreements and five easements for this program.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

-Senate Bill 44 was signed yesterday, which provides for a "distribution system improvement charge" (DSIC). This enables investor-owned water systems to apply to PUCO for permission to include an ongoing surcharge for upkeep of distribution lines.

- Sue will attend the national Drinking Water Symposium to be held in Colorado Springs next month.

ODNR, Division of Geological Survey, Mac Swinford announced:

- Next Monday (September 22nd, 1:30 pm) there will be a kick-off meeting for the national geochemical survey program, which will collect 300 stream sediment samples nationwide and sample them for 37 constituents. Attendees will be invited to provide input on how the samples should be taken.

- A bedrock topography map of the state is now available for purchase in map format (\$15.00) and CD (\$25.00). It is based on 158,000 data points (all data included on the CD), primarily from oil and gas wells and water wells. The map can be viewed on ODNR's Web site starting next week.

ODNR, Division of Water, Mike Hallfrisch announced:

- The Division is currently arranging corridors to its two observation wells in the new City of Columbus wellfield.

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

- The contract to clean up the Kirby Tire landfill was signed in the spring, and since then 323,000 tires have been processed (shredded and disposed of properly).

Wastewater treatment of leachate is also handled by contract, with over 200,000 gallons treated each month.

- The death of an elderly man in Wyandot County is believed to represent the second human victim of West Nile Virus in Ohio this year.

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

- The ODH website reports the latest Ohio numbers on West Nile Virus every Friday. These numbers are confirmed each Thursday by CDC before they are posted on the Web. In general, Ohio has seen far fewer cases this year than last year.

- Bob is assisting with the renewal of an MOA enabling Ohio EPA's laboratory to analyze water samples collected by ODH from private water wells.

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

- DDAGW provided comments to BUSTR on its new rules, forwarding its comments through DERR and the Director's office. DDAGW was concerned that the rules do not provide for ground water protection in general, only for such specific areas as sole-source aquifer areas, and source water protection areas.

- The next advisory group meeting of the Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC) will be held November 7th. "Natural hazards" will be the main topic. [See announcement sheet at end of this summary]

- There are a number of important projects this year that relate to the OWRC critical issues, such as updating the Non-point Source Management Plan, and ongoing TMDLs and Source Water Assessments.

- The Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) program is planning to make the SWAP reports available on an IntraNet system before too long, which would at least make them electronically available to other OEPA divisions.

- Heather Raymond (Ohio EPA SWAP program) attended the Ohio Watershed Leaders (OWLs) conference, held August 28-29 at Stone Lab. She reported:

- Many watershed coordinators expressed interest in obtaining information on (and GIS-based maps of) their watershed's geology, ground water resources, drinking water uses, and the location of drinking water protection areas;
- Ann Baird (OSU Extension) requested DDAGW's assistance in developing a drinking water protection and geology module for the Watershed Institute's training program; and

- The OWLs coordinators (OSU/ODNR) suggested that DDAGW staff provide some hands-on training at next year's workshop, possibly including instruction on demonstrating sand-tank models and discussion of the use of 319 funds for developing SWAP protection plans.

- Miami Conservancy District has received a substantial grant from U.S. EPA for watershed activities.

PRESENTATION - Ohio EPA's new Landfill Rules

Vlad Cica (OEPA-DSIWM) discussed new siting criteria for municipal landfills, and Jeff Martin (OEPA-DDAGW) discussed new rules related to ground water monitoring.

NEXT SCCGW MEETING

will be October 16, at the Horace R. Collins Repository, and will feature a presentation by Steve Williams (Ohio EPA-DDAGW, Southeast District Office) on the Dupont C-8 contamination at the Little Hocking wellfield on the Ohio River.

November meeting:

Presentation will be a Class V UIC case study at Elizabeth town, Ohio by Jason Wiles, Ohio EPA, DDAGW, UIC Program.

December meeting:

There is a conflict with the December SCCGW Holiday meeting, so come prepared to set a date and recommend a location. Ralph Haefner (USGS) will present an update of the ground water metadata project.

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| 8:30 - 8:35 | CALL TO ORDER
- Introductions |
| 8:35 - 8:40 | SEPTEMBER DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY |
| 8:40 - 9:50 | AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please come prepared to present your accomplishments for SFY03
in reference to OWRC Strategic Plan action items |
| 9:50 - 10:10 | Identified Ground Water priorities of the OWRC Strategic Plan |
| 10:10 - 10:20 | BREAK |
| 10:20 - 11:20 | Presentation on C-8 contamination at the Little Hocking wellfield
(Steve Williams, Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Southeast District Office) |
| 11:20 - 11:30 | AGENDA for November |
| 11:30 | ADJOURN |