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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 16, 2004

Horace R. Collins Conference Room, ODNR Repository
Delaware, Ohio

ABSTRACT

The September 2004 meeting consisted of Agency announcements, discussion of the proposed water resources portal, and an update by Ralph Haefner (USGS) on the Ohio Ground-Water Metadata Project.

ATTENDANCE

OEPA: Tom Allen, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger
ODNR: Ted Lozier, Rick Pavey
ODA: Bill Goodman
ODH: Rebecca Fugitt
USGS: Ralph Haefner
PUCO: Sue Daly

AUGUST DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

No corrections requested.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ohio Department of Health, Rebecca Fugitt announced:

- ODH has recently updated its guidance titled "Plans for Developing a Rainwater Cistern or Hauled Water Supply".

- Preliminary sampling results have come in from the sampling of 72 wells on South Bass Island for campylobacter, *E. coli*, salmonella, nitrates, and chlorides. In addition, the Center for Disease Control sampled for norovirus and coliphage. The cause of the 1,400+ reported cases of gastrointestinal illness suffered by tourists and residents during July and August is still unknown. However, contamination of the bedrock aquifer by sewage and wastewater discharged on and around the island is considered a likely source. Ohio EPA has issued orders to all the public water systems on the

island under its jurisdiction (mostly businesses with wells) to ensure the quality of water they are providing to the public. Sixteen businesses have been ordered to stop using water due to results of water quality monitoring. The need for Island-wide water and sewer is widely acknowledged. However, expanding water and waste water treatment capabilities and installing distribution and collection lines in bedrock will be very costly. The investigation and identifying options to address the issue will continue.

- ODH remains hopeful that House Bill 231 will pass without difficulties when Ohio representatives return to session. Their return has now been delayed until after the November elections.

Ohio Department of Agriculture, Bill Goodman announced:

- The second Progress Report for the Lake Erie Commission, dated September 2004, is available at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/reports/lepr/lepr2/secondreport.html>

- Howard Wise is now the Acting Assistant Director of ODA. Tom Brisker is the deputy director over animal health, food safety and meat inspections, while Fred Shimp is the deputy director over markets, plant industry, and weights and measures.

- A farm pesticides disposal drop-off is scheduled for September 20th in Wooster at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Another drop-off is scheduled for September 27th at the Putnam County OSU Extension Office.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geologic Survey, Rick Pavey announced:

- ODNR's address has changed, although its location is the same. The new address is 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229-6605.

- ODNR is preparing for extensive renovations. The entire Fountain Square campus will be surrounded by a fence and visitors will be able to enter only from the north (Morse Road) side. The Division of Geologic Survey will move from Building B to Building C, and Division of Water will move from Building E to Building B.

Surficial geology maps of Cincinnati/Falmouth are now available at the 1:100,000 scale, with others to follow soon.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Ted Lozier announced:

- The Division is reviewing the Great Lakes Charter Annex, which addresses diversions from the lakes. Public meetings were held recently in Cleveland, Norwalk, and Findlay to obtain public comment.

- In August the Division received a grant from ODOT for \$40,000 over the next three years to create an online filing capability that will enable well drillers to provide well logs electronically.

-At the request of Representative Carmichael, the Legislative Services Commission has put a report together on how other states deal with water rights/use issues. This is the result of an issue concerning a public drinking water well proposed for Wadsworth,

Ohio. When looking at ground water use, it will be necessary to understand its relationship in sustaining the flow of streams.

United States Geologic Survey, Water Resources Discipline, Ralph Haefner announced:

- USGS has been asked by the City of Cincinnati to conduct a rodamine dye test on the Ohio River in mid-October, to determine the likelihood that the water quality at Cincinnati's drinking water intake could be affected by spills or releases from upstream potential contaminant sources.

Ohio EPA, Directors Office, Bob Knipmeyer announced:

- This season only three human cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in Ohio, with one death. This year the epicenter of the disease was California, with 392 reported human cases.

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

- The Midwest Ground Water Conference will be held this year in Bloomington, Indiana, from October 27-28.

- The Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) will hold its fall conference October 6-7. As part of the conference materials, the planning committee wants to include a write-up highlighting Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC) critical issues. SCCGW members were asked to draft a list of activities undertaken by their agency over the last year to address these issues. The list should be forwarded to Tom by Friday, September 24th.

- Also for the WMAO conference, a survey on the water resources Web portal will be conducted to collect attendees' views on the need for a portal, and the ideal format.

- An OWRC display has been prepared for events such as the WMAO conference.

PRESENTATIONS

Ralph Haefner (USGS) gave an update on the Ohio Ground-Water Metadata Project. The project currently is on track for delivery in January 2005.

NEXT SCCGW MEETING:

NOTE! - The October meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for **November 18th** at the usual meeting location: Horace R. Collins Conference Center (ODNR Repository). An agenda for the November meeting will be e-mailed by November 12th.

Please mark your calendars: The December SCCGW meeting is scheduled for **December 9th**, instead of the 16th. We will be scheduling our holiday meeting/get together at the Dutch Kitchen in Plain City.

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8:30 - 8:35	CALL TO ORDER - Introductions
8:35 - 8:40	SEPTEMBER DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
8:40 - 10:15	AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
10:15 - 10:25	BREAK
10:25 - 11:25	Presentation by Mac Swinford on ODNR's 3-D Bedrock mapping project
11:25 - 11:30	DECEMBER AGENDA - Meeting to be held December 9 (a Tuesday) at the Dutch Kitchen
11:30	ADJOURN