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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

June 16, 2005

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

### **ABSTRACT**

The June 2005 meeting consisted of Agency announcements and discussion of priority ground water activities for the next biennium.

### **ATTENDANCE**

OEPA: Tom Allen, Bob Knipmeyer  
ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Ted Lozier, Rick Pavey  
ODH: Rebecca Fugitt  
NRCS: John Armentano  
PUCO: Sue Daly  
USGS: Jeff deRoche

### **REVISIONS of MAY DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

The update concerning West Nile Virus is revised to note that the virus does not appear to be a problem in Ohio *at this point in the mosquito season*.

In the last line of the ODH update, the word "else" is deleted.

### **AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***United States Geological Survey, Ohio Water Science Center, Jeff deRoche announced:***

- USGS has released two new reports:

- *Environmental Factors and Chemical and Microbiological Water-Quality Constituents Related to the Presence of Enteric Viruses in Ground Water From Small Public Water Supplies in Southeastern Michigan*, Scientific Investigations Report 2004-5219, by Francy et al., in cooperation with U.S.EPA.

- *Ground-Water Flow Directions and Estimation of Aquifer Hydraulic Properties in the Lower Great Miami River Buried Valley Aquifer System, Hamilton Area, Ohio*, Scientific Investigations Report 2005-5013, by Rodney Sheets and Karen Bossenbroek, in cooperation with the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton to New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium

- Dr. P. Patrick Leahy has been named acting director of the U.S. Geological Survey , taking over from Dr. Charles G. Groat who resigned effective June 17, 2005 to accept an appointment at the University of Texas at Austin.

- USGS continues regional restructuring from a discipline focus to a geographic focus, with eleven subregions defined. Ohio is part of the “Great Lakes/Ohio Basin” subregion, which includes Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

***Ohio Department of Health, Rebecca Fugitt announced:***

- Meetings are ongoing to develop the on-lot septage rules.

- The new legislation for on-lot septage authorized the establishment of a technical subcommittee to review products for treating on-lot wastes.

- Domestic well sampling is scheduled for the Echo Hills subdivision in coordination with Ohio EPA and the Clark County Health Department.

- Vacancies currently are being filled in the residential water and sewage programs.

***Natural Resources Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:***

- Over 500 applications have been received for the 2005 Conservation Security Program (CSP). This program provides payments to producers who are already implementing soil or water quality/conservation practices and are willing to sign a contract to continue these practices for a specified number of years.

- For the 2006 CSP, watershed criteria have been established that include consideration of ground water interaction.

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

- The Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC) is considering three design options for the planned Web-based “water portal”.

- The OWRC education and outreach workgroup is developing a brochure about the OWRC.

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

- The Division of Water will move to Building B at Fountain Square by October or November, 2005.

- The on-line well log project is scheduled to be completed in July 2005.

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- A meeting will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> with the Legislative Services Commission to discuss draft legislation regarding ground water use rights. Comments are due June 28th.

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

- Ohio EPA's Central District Office will be moving to the Central Office by October-November, 2005.

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

- WMAO newsletter - need ground water related articles for the newsletter.

- WMAO Web site - request that all SCCGW representatives review the ground water section of the web site and provide comments to Tom.

- The Division is developing a web site for SCCGW. Kristy Hunt will present a draft design to SCCGW at the July meeting and invite comments.

-The public review period for the NonPoint Source Plan update has ended. Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water is completing a final review.

**NEXT SCCGW MEETING:**

Will be held July 21st, at the Horace R. Collins Conference Room, 8:30-11:30 am. The SCCGW draft web design will be presented by Kristy Hunt, OEPA/DDAGW.

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