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July 21, 2005

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

ABSTRACT

The July 2005 meeting consisted of Agency announcements and a presentation of the draft SCCGW Web site by Kristy Hunt (OEPA)

ATTENDANCE

OEPA: Tom Allen, Russ Gibson, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger

ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Ted Lozier, Rick Pavey

ODH: Rebecca Fugitt

ODA: Bill Goodman

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Jeff deRoche

OSU Extension: Cindy Folck

REVISIONS of JUNE DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

None requested.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Ohio EPA and USGS are submitting a joint application to sample pharmacologic agents and other constituents in Tinkers Creek (northeast Ohio).

- The West Nile statewide committee has not met this year. So far this season there have been only two positive mosquito identifications in Franklin County, and one human positive in Darke County.

- The Solid Waste Construction and Demotion Debris (C&DD) rules need to be revised, and by statute recommendations must be complete by September 30, 2005. However, the list of committee members has not yet been approved by the Governor's Office. Ground Water issues include siting criteria and ground water monitoring.

Ohio Department of Agriculture, Bill Goodman announced:

- The emerald ash borer has been found on Strafford Road in Delaware County, but no federal funds are available to address it until October 1st, when the federal budget will be renewed.

Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Services, Rebecca Fugitt announced:

- The Sewage Advisory Committee meetings continue. Drafts of rules 1-4.1 have been sent out, covering definitions, scope and applicability, and registration of installers. The first draft of the entire rule package is on schedule, and should be complete by late September/early October.

- A Technical Advisory Committee is being organized to review processes or technology that does not explicitly meet the new regulations.

- ODH met with a USGS soil scientist last Friday to look at soil-related issues in the new rules.

- Sampling results from private wells at Echo Hills subdivision revealed no herbicides or *E. coli*, minor coliform bacteria, and 2-10 mg/l of nitrate. The Clark County Board of Health will meet tonight to discuss conditions of expansion (ODH will require mound systems). Ohio EPA staff will continue quarterly monitoring of nine wells outside the subdivision for background levels.

- Doug Rogers and Phil Pugh have been hired for two of the three open positions, and the third position has been posted.

- ODH plans to start revising the water well rules soon.

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

- The on-line well log filing has been going through programming revisions. The Division hopes to have the system ready for well drillers to pilot by next week.

- ODNR is reorganizing and abolishing 30 positions agency-wide, with up to 100 positions being affected (due to bumping, etc.). The cuts will be effective October 15th.

- The Division of Water still plans to move to Building B in mid-October.

- The Drought Task Force met last Wednesday, and discussed whether an "agricultural drought" should be declared by ODA Director Daily for northwest and north central Ohio. They agreed to continue monitoring the situation for the present time. The next update meeting will be next Wednesday.

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

- The National Regulatory Research Institute recently held a conference for state regulatory commissions, where states indicated that one of the highest regulatory concerns was water.

- PUCO's Commissioner Jones is the vice-chair of the Mid-Atlantic America Regulatory Commission (MARC). She will become president in 2006, when the MARC conference will be held in Columbus. This will be the first time for this conference to feature a session on water.

Ohio State University Agricultural Extension, Cindy Folck announced:

- Hurricane Dennis did not bring soybean rust into the Midwest, as some feared. So far, the problem has not spread beyond Alabama.

- Staff changes: Jerry Bingham has been named to head up the School of Natural Resources. Gary Comer is now working with Sea Grant Clean Marinas in northern Ohio.

Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Russ Gibson announced:

- The FFY 2005 319 grant award has finally come in. Of the approved FFY05 projects, 10-11 are Source Water Protection planning grants.

- On June 24, the 319 program received 26 applications for the 2006 grants. For this grant cycle, the intent is to focus on active restoration projects. The quality of the applications received for this cycle is high.

- The Division has completed a review of the Nonpoint Source Plan update. Three items of concern were identified: (1) 319 funds are locked to local watershed plans and TMDLs, limiting flexibility; (2) the Plan provides for chartering of numerous workgroups to carry out highly prescriptive tasks that are more managerial than policy-related, limiting the ability to make decisions efficiently; and (3) the Plan stated that *watershed planning* drives nonpoint source planning, but more correctly it is *restoration and elimination of impacts* that drives nonpoint source planning.

- The Division's new assistant chief is Brian Hall, originally from Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office.

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

- The 4-year Strategic Plan for Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC) ended June 30, and the report is up on the OWRC website, accessible at: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/owrc/>

- The OWRC Advisory Board met with Agency Directors in July, who approved moving ahead with Storm Center Communications. They also approved moving forward in three phases with creation of the Water Portal. The first phase will involve reviewing items such as main components, ease of access, and standardizing Agency information.

- David Jones, of Storm Center Communications, will be the keynote speaker at the November 1-2 Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) meeting.

- Following Diane Cantrell's retirement, Tom Allen has taken over as chair of the OWRC Education Committee.

- The Data Committee will pursue standardization of hydrography mapping. Dave White will be the representative from DDAGW.

- The OWRC Advisory Committee plans to present one-year goals to the Directors in December. Progress can be measured against more easily these than against the 10-year vision.

- On August 18th, geoprobe borings will be taken at Catalina Mobile Home Park (southwest Ohio) and water samples will be collected from the wastewater infiltration lagoons. U.S. EPA will analyze the samples for biological and pharmaceutical constituents.

- As part of the ongoing Mad River ground water investigation (headed by ODNR's Division of Water), 13 samples were collected from ODNR's two monitoring wells at the site, and nine ground water samples were collected in the King's Creek watershed.

- The Division has been asked to provide Rivers Unlimited with a database of latitude and longitude data for public water system wells and intakes, to track their proximity to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).

- Craig Smith has completed a report on an OWRC workgroup's recommendations on setbacks for human and animal waste management near drinking water supply wells and intakes. The workgroup's goal was to standardize siting criteria and design standards. When the report is finalized, it will be presented to the OWRC SAG.

- Kristy Hunt updated the group on the "SWEET Project", an initiative funded by a \$35,000 Ohio Environmental Fund grant to promote ground water education and source water protection awareness to adult Ohioans. Statewide, 38 teams have been organized, each consisting of 3-5 individuals representing local health agencies, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, etc. Each team will be issued a sand-tank model (purchased with grant funds) and will be trained to use it effectively as an educational tool. Five training sessions have been scheduled around the state in September and October.

SCCGW WEBSITE PRESENTATION

Kristy Hunt previewed the SCCGW Website, for members' comments. Some suggestions included adding basic ground water information and ground maps, and adding links to the Source Water Protection educational CD, Storm Center Communications, and the ground water metadata database. Also, it was suggested that information about OWRC should be added to "About SCCGW", with a "[click here for more information](#)" link.

NEXT SCCGW MEETING:

September 15th, at the Horace R. Collins Conference Room, 8:30-11:30 am.

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Delaware, Ohio

8:30 - 8:35	CALL TO ORDER - Introductions
8:35 - 8:40	REVISIONS TO JULY DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
8:40 - 10:00	AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
10:00 - 10:10	BREAK
10:10 - 11:00	PRESENTATIONS Craig Smith (OEPA/DDAGW) will present "Recommended setbacks for waste management near drinking water supply intakes"
11:00 - 11:25	DISCUSSION OF SCCGW PRIORITIES
11:25 - 11:30	NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA
11:30	ADJOURN

