

WETLAND RULES WORKGROUP

November 8, 2006
Meeting Notes

Attendance: copies of the sign in sheets are available on request

Meeting Materials Available on the Website:

1. Summary of process discussion
2. Ground Rules
3. Mick Micacchion's Power Point presentation
4. John Mack's Power Point presentation
5. Comment Summary

Key Issues Raised:

1. The Ohio EPA needs to consider the economic value of the resource being impacted before making its permitting decisions.
2. Ohio EPA needs to conduct more enforcement of 401 violations.
3. Concern was raised regarding Ohio EPA's proposal regarding waiver of certification and public hearing requirements. *These issues will be addressed during the Chapter 32 rule adoption process.*
4. Ohio EPA needs to develop a "cook book" for mitigation to assist the regulated community in developing mitigation plans that have a higher likelihood of being accepted by Ohio EPA.
5. Several individuals expressed concern regarding the lack of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) involvement in these meetings. It was noted that there are activities ongoing at the Federal level that could create conflicts with the activities taking place in Ohio. Since the regulated community must satisfy both state and federal regulators, USACE involvement is considered very important. Each topic discussion should include a part on the existing and proposed federal rules *Ohio EPA will contact USACE to encourage their participation in the workgroups.*
6. Concern was raised regarding the mix of participants in the workgroups. Specifically, it is believed that the environmental community is under represented in the process.