

# STATE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GROUND WATER

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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

December 16, 1999  
ODNR Fountain Square, Building D  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Columbus, Ohio

### ABSTRACT

The December 16, 1999 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements, and continued discussion of ground water issues that need to be prioritized and addressed by SCCGW over the next year or two.

### ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp  
OEPA: Tom Allen, Patrick Fellrath, Heather Raymond  
ODNR: Robert Van Horn, Mike Hallfrisch  
ODH: Rebecca Petty  
PUCO: Sue Daly  
USGS: Jeff de Roche

### CALL TO ORDER

Heather Raymond distributed the meeting location schedule for 2000. Mike Hallfrisch indicated that the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting location should be changed to ODNR building D, third floor conference room. Heather also distributed the notes from the Ohio EPA DDAGW-PDW Well Rules Workgroup. Tom Allen said this group will be meeting to develop or revise construction and abandonment rules for public water system wells.

### NOVEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

**Page 4 (top):** Charlie Zepp asked to change statement to: Four thousand tanks were removed in the last quarter of 1998.

**Page 4 (bottom):** Tom Allen and C. Zepp asked to change statement to: BUSTR will consider the final results of the unified cleanup program for inclusion in their rules.

**Page 3 (bottom):** Heather Raymond asked to change statement to: 75% of the LUST sites were matched and 24% of the sites were at least matched to the correct zip code area.

### **AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ***Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks, Charles Zepp announced:***

- BUSTR will be making changes to their corrective actions rule.
- Peter Chace has been hired as the new Bureau Chief.

#### ***Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Patrick Fellrath announced:***

- Multiple manure spills have led to enforcement actions against Buckeye Egg Farm. No new permits are being issued to Buckeye Egg until the enforcement issues are resolved.

#### ***U.S.G.S, Water Resources Division, Jeff de Roche announced:***

- The federal budget has been cut 0.38%, but the effects of this cut have not yet filtered down to USGS.
- USGS has developed a new business model. Some money will go to a new science program and will be used to fund regional science centers.
- USGS finished a report on the occurrence and distribution of fish species in the Great and Little Miami River Basins. Copies of the report were distributed to SCCGW members.

#### ***Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Mike Hallfrisch announced:***

- The hardware has been delivered for the well log computerization effort. The division will be using NT workstations with an NT server.
- The division will hold a public meeting for Delphos in late January.

#### ***Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geologic Survey, Robert Van Horn announced:***

- A \$500,000 line item has been added to the USGS budget to support the Great Lakes Mapping Project. Ohio will probably receive approximately \$118,000.
- Maps showing the status of the 3-D surficial mapping project were distributed.

#### ***ODH, Bureau of Local and Environmental Services, Rebecca Petty announced:***

- There has been very good turnouts at the private water system training sessions (approximately 300 drillers, the majority of health districts, sanitarians, etc.).
- Some minor changes are being made to the well construction rules package.
- Water haulers are lobbying to phase in the well construction requirements because they may need to purchase new tanks and water testing equipment.

-ODH has mailed the draft home sewage disposal rules to the Ad Hoc Committee. Rebecca will also mail the rules to the SCCGW core members. The rules are performance-based, and require basic system assessments for both new and existing systems. The health districts will probably need seed money to be able to start implementing the new rules. They hope to use 319 or Ohio

EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) funds. ODH is currently working with Ohio EPA on developing a general NPDES permit for all discharging systems. -Currently looking for a new sponsor for the water legislation.

***Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Heather Raymond announced:***

-Resource characterization work is almost complete for the five Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) pilot counties; the final data entry should be completed by the end of the month. Potential contaminant source information from over 23 databases is now available as a single GIS coverage, and numerous other geographic coverages have been compiled to assist in completing Source Water Assessments. Ohio EPA plans to begin delineating SWAP areas by January 1, 2000. Tom Allen suggested that perhaps someone from the program development unit could give a GIS demonstration at a future SCCGW meeting.

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

-Currently PUCO allows public water systems to recover costs for the 300 foot isolation distance in their rates. Marion requested that the rate base be adjusted to account for their entire 5-year time of travel area (approximately 42 acres). This will probably not be acceptable, however, PUCO may be willing to use the one year time of travel (or an appropriate inner management zone). Sue is working with Chris Kenah at Ohio EPA/DDAGW on this issue.

**WORKGROUP UPDATES**

**I. Well Construction Document:**

- Rebecca Petty plans to finish the document by the end of January. An Ohio EPA workgroup is revising well construction rules. A SCCGW workgroup may need to be formed to evaluate the Ohio EPA recommendations. A second SCCGW Committee will be put together early next year to evaluate and prepare recommendations on what should be done to address other types of water wells. This group will need to be very broad-based (include farm bureau, geothermal industry, etc.).

**II. Midwest Ground Water Conference Planning Group:**

-ODNR has a contract with Holiday Inn East; they do not require an up front deposit. Mike Hallfrisch has not received any information from Minnesota.

**III. 319 Work Group/Screening Committee:**

-Heather Raymond distributed the request for proposals for FY2000; the next RFP will probably go out by the end of January, 2000. The SCCGW should provide comments on how to modify next year's RFP by the end of December.

-Heather Raymond distributed excerpts from the 1999 Ohio Nonpoint Source Management Document. The SCCGW needs to decide what activities should be given priority for funding, and what the next call for proposals should include as a statewide ground water project. The group recommended combining the priorities into one very general statement and including that in the RFP for statewide projects. (Such as: Characterize ground water resources, evaluate the impacts of NPS pollution on ground water, and identify, implement, and evaluate BMPs to protect ground water quality.) Heather will add a column to the 319

goals/objectives tables and E-mail them to the SCCGW. The SCCGW members should prioritize them and E-mail them back to Heather by the end of December.

-Rebecca Petty plans on developing a template that local health districts could use for developing home sewage disposal projects.

### **HAND-OUTS**

- (1) SCCGW Tentative Meeting Schedule 2000
- (2) OEPA- Well Rules Workgroup Meeting Notes
- (3) ODNR- Surficial Geology Mapping (Status)
- (4) OEPA- SCCGW 319 Screening Committee Recommendations
- (5) OEPA- 319 Grant FY2000 Request For Proposals
- (6) OEPA- Ground Water Excerpts from 1999 Ohio Nonpoint Source Management Program
- (7) OEPA- Recommendations for Ground Water 319 Projects

### **JANUARY AGENDA**

**The meeting will be held at ODNR Fountain Square Location, Building D, Third Floor Conference Room, 8:30 to 11:00 AM.** The meeting will include Agency updates and further discussion of SCCGW Workgroup activities and a presentation on the new Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V regulations.

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**January 20, 2000  
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- 8:30 - 8:35 am      CALL TO ORDER  
   -Introductions
- 8:35 - 8:40 am      DECEMBER DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
- 8:40 - 10:00 am    AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
   -Legislation/Rules/Policies  
   -Program Developments/Organizational Changes/New Hires  
   -Miscellaneous  
   -Workgroup Updates  
  - Ground Water Strategy  
  - Midwest Ground Water Conference Planning  
  - 319 NonPoint Source  
   -Evaluating and establishing SCCGW Priorities  
   -Call for proposals and ground water application forms
- 10:00 - 10:45 am    New UIC Regulations Presentation
- 10:45 - 11:00 am    NEXT SCCGW MEETING AGENDA
- 11:00 am            Adjourn

