

# 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

April 20, 2000

Horace R. Collins Laboratory - ODNR Repository  
Conference Room

### ABSTRACT

The April 20, 2000 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

ODA: Larry Berger

ODH: Rebecca Petty

ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Scott Kell, Rick Pavey, Bob Van Horn

OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Patrick Fellrath, Kristy Hunt

NRCS: John Armentano

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Jeff de Roche

### MARCH MEETING SUMMARY

Please note, ODNR's well log images will be available on the internet within a few years.

### AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological Survey, Bob Van Horn announced:*

- Scudder Mackey of ODNR Geological Survey, Lake Erie Section mentioned in an interview with 610 WTVN that lake levels had actually been high for a long period of time and are now nearing normal lake level conditions. Those unfamiliar with normal lake level conditions have the impression that lake levels are low.

***Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological Survey, Rick Pavvey announced:***

- The Central Great Lakes Surficial Mapping Coalition received a tenth of the requested federal funding. The Coalition will begin developing lab procedures and standardized digitization methods. Funding for next year looks about the same as this year.
- Work continues on the USGS STATEMAP project as well as the 319 project.

***State Fire Marshall's Office, BUSTR, Charles Zepp announced:***

- Staff workloads are very high at this time.

***Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste, Vlad Cica announced:***

- The new Siting Criteria Rules were due to JCARR by April 1, 2000. The Director requested a 120 day extension for submitting rules. The Siting Criteria Workgroup will meet again to address the Director's questions.
- Sharon Gbur is presently the Division's Acting Chief. The Chief's position will be re-posted.

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

- Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) Spring Conference will be held May 9-10th, the conference topic is Fractured Tills. There will be a field trip on the second day, Marble Cliff Quarries will be one of the sites. WMAO's web page can be found at [www.ohiowater.org/wmao/webwmao.htm](http://www.ohiowater.org/wmao/webwmao.htm).
- Received a subpoena to participate in the court case involving Amanda Township and the City of Delphos' proposed wellfield.

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

- The NRCS Great lakes 2000 Symposium on the Health of the Great Lakes will be held May 30 - 31, 2000 in Toledo, Ohio. The symposium is being sponsored by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. An announcement on the symposium is attached to the SCCGW April draft meeting notes.
  
- Personnel Updates: District Conservationist personnel positions have been filled for Morrow and Marion Counties. The District Conservationist position is open for Madison

County. Dot Riley is now the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations in southeast Ohio. The southwest Ohio Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations position is now available. The District Conservationist position in Perry County is now open, a nationwide search will be conducted. There is a GIS position in Newark, Ohio.

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

- ODNR's statewide aquifer map is complete and will be released in the near future.
- Well log computerization effort - The contractor has installed the NT upgrade to one well log computer system and they are presently testing that system. No idea on the testing time frame.

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

- Senate Bill 105 was passed out of the Senate. This legislation creates the Household Sewage Disposal Program. In general, the program will create state oversight of household sewage disposal, helps to promulgate rules, establishes a requirement for installer certification, establishes a schedule for implementing inspection programs, clearly defines an installation and yearly operation permit. The rules allow for the use of new technologies, which will assist with system upgrades and replacement installation costs. Lake County is on the forefront of innovative sewage treatment systems.
- ODH is continuing to work with Ohio EPA on the development of programs where local health departments could administer NPDES permits or Permits to Install (PTI) for wastewater treatment systems serving new housing developments.
- Water Program, Well Construction Rules- receiving technical assistance calls as local health districts move forward with implementing the program. ODH has received a lot of requests for the down hole camera, 85 requests since December.
- On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2000 the Ohio Water Well Association will host a Well Construction Conference in Orville, Ohio, Don Schlosser at Ohio Water Well Association is the contact. There will be a well drilling demonstration as well as collecting pumping information, Ohio EPA staff will be participating in the conference.
- Sue Daly asked for an update on the rule for federal funds to be made available to assist home owners in deciding to go with a private well or hook into another system. Rebecca suggested Sue refer to USEPA's web page for any updates that may be posted.

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

- Ohio EPA DDAGW and DSW are co-sponsors for the Water Management Association of Ohio Fall Conference to be held November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This is just 3 weeks after the Midwest Ground Water Conference. The two divisions will be responsible for setting up a key-note speaker as well as session presentation topics.

- DDAGW has been involved with major rule revisions. The Safe Drinking Water Act amendments sent down large sets of rules to be implemented by 2002.

- DDAGW is presently planning 2002-2003 strategic planning.

***Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Kristy Hunt announced:***

- SWAP district staff are presently conducting SWAP assessments within the five pilot counties of Medina, Coshocton, Fairfield, Sandusky, and Greene. The SWAP pilot county assessments will be used to refine as well as outline the tools and processes for the full implementation of Ohio's Source Water Assessment and Protection Program.

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

- Awaiting a response from Ohio EPA DDAGW to her comments concerning the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) appropriations concerning Ashtabula County's request for SRF money to acquire Consumers Ohio Water. It is very important that she receives a response to her comments in the near future.

- Asked for clarification concerning USEPA's proposal for more stringent capacity requirements for smaller Public Water Systems (PWS). Will there be funding for this?

- Tom Allen provided that Al Gore made the announcement of the Ground Water Rule, which means that there will be more stringent requirements for systems under the influence of surface water. Ohio has a program for dealing with systems under the influence of surface water that has been in place for the past few years. Ohio's current program requires systems experiencing surface water contaminants within their drinking water supply to implement a mechanism for removing the contaminants. Ohio EPA is trying to integrate the surface water under the influence measures with the Source Water Assessment Program.

***ODNR, Division of Oil and Gas, Scott Kell announced:***

- Web site for gathering information concerning oil and gas wells is not yet available. Presently changing to a better server. This web site will provide such information as: well construction, production, geologic formation, depth to contributing formations, etc. The web site will provide information from 100,000 wells, this is half of the wells that are accessible.

***Ohio Department of Agriculture Larry Berger announced:***

- Pesticide Management Plan well sampling at dairy farms. Presently sampling a lot of wells in northeast Ohio. Will meet the goal of 100 samples by June 30, 2000. ODA has been accessing ODNR's well log web site in conjunction with this effort. The web site is easy to work with. Finding that well logs do not exist for many wells and some of the older information on the well logs has not been updated.

- Rebecca Petty provided that ODH is pushing for accurate well log completion from drillers. A health district will not approve a well without an accurately completed well log. Mike Hallfrisch added that ODNR is getting more calls from drillers on the x,y well locations, this tells us that drillers are implementing GPS units.

- The Mumper Bill has been re-submitted to move large animal systems or CAFO's to the authority of ODA.

- New federal sludge regulations are coming through. There is a large question now on the impacts of dioxins, from sludge application, on crops. A lot of farms have depended on sludge application for nutrients, etc.

- Presently predicting funding for the Pesticide Disposal Program. Doing collections in the entire southeast portion of the state. Collected 48 drums of pesticides in Athens County.

## **WORKGROUP UPDATES**

### **I. Midwest Ground Water Conference Workgroup**

- Just had a meeting with the Holiday Inn East Catering Manager. Also, looked at the meeting room set-up. Decisions concerning the menu and use of rooms will be made soon. A letter was sent out alerting those who received the first Call for Abstracts that the date for the conference was not correct. The Midwest Ground Water Conference will be held on October 17 - 19, 2000. Abstracts for the conference have begun to arrive

### **II. 319 Proposal**

- A letter will be sent from Tom Allen, SCCGW Chairman to Agency Directors requesting their support of the proposed Data Management 319 proposal. If 319 funding is received to support the project participating state agencies will need to contribute matching funds. Matching funds can be provided through in-kind services of staff time.

### **May 18<sup>th</sup> AGENDA**

**The meeting will be held from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Fountain Square ODNR Office - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Building D Conference Room** The meeting will include Agency updates and further discussion of SCCGW Workgroup activities.

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8:30 - 8:35 am	CALL TO ORDER -Introductions
8:35 - 8:40 am	APRIL DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
8:40 - 10:45 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 -Status of USGS proposal
10:45 - 11:00 am	NEXT SCCGW MEETING AGENDA
11:00 am	Adjourn

