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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 15, 2000

Horace R. Collins Laboratory - ODNR Repository  
Conference Room

### ABSTRACT

The June 15, 2000 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements, and continued discussion of the WMAO and Midwest Ground Water Conferences.

### ATTENDANCE

ODA: Larry Berger  
ODH: Rebecca Petty  
ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Rick Pavey  
OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Patrick Fellrath, Heather Raymond  
NRCS: John Armentano  
PUCO: Sue Daly  
USGS: Jeff de Roche

### MAY MEETING SUMMARY

There were no suggested revisions to May's meeting summary.

### AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- ODNR's well log contract with the Ohio Handicap Association will be postponed until next year.
- The report on the Delphos conflict is complete.

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

- Senate Bill 105 was voted out of the house committee, and was one bill away from being passed. Unfortunately, the bill was put on hold until this fall due to a technicality (potential need for an environmental impact statement).

- The well grouting and sealing seminar by Baroid Industrial Drilling Products was excellent. ODH has asked Baroid to conduct six additional seminars this August.

- Since ODH's two downhole cameras are constantly in use, ODH ordered another downhole camera from Lavell. The new camera is composed of two cameras and is capable of 3-D viewing.

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

- The districts are working on pilot county delineations and inventories. The delineation workgroup will meet next week to discuss finalizing the delineation guidance document. An inventory and susceptibility analysis workgroup have also been formed. Ohio EPA's GIS tools were demonstrated at the Source Water Advisory Group meeting last week. The advisory group was impressed with Ohio EPA's progress and provided beneficial input on the SWAP inventory process.

- The abstracts for the Midwest Ground Water Conference are due to Kristy Hunt by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Kristy has received some abstracts but expects most people to wait until the deadline. The Division of Drinking and Ground Waters is coordinating abstracts on Source Water Assessment and Protection, ground water quality, GIS, and general ground water division programs.

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

- The great Lakes Mapping Coalition has received the same funding in the House as last year (500K). The coalition hopes the Senate will appropriate additional funds for the project.

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

- Recommendations on the Landfill Siting Criteria Rules (HB473) are being sent to the Chief of the division this week.

- USEPA has spent approximately two million dollars in clean-up of Kirby Tire. Ohio EPA is spending approximately \$100,000/month to continue clean-up efforts. This is the largest tire repository in Ohio. The division found oil produced from the fire and is paying someone to burn the oil as fuel. SCCGW members expressed an interest in visiting the site. The group decided to try to schedule a site visit for the September SCCGW meeting. Vlad will ask someone from his group to give a presentation on the site. Rebecca volunteered to ask a local health district for use of a conference room.

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

- SB141 was voted on and passed the Senate. It will most likely be voted on by the House this fall. Large scale livestock operations oversight may be moved to ODA. Rebecca Petty also mentioned that ODA has taken control of pizza operations from ODH.

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

- The Athens/Zanesville District Conservationist position still needs to be filled.
- Over 350 attended the Great Lakes Conference.

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

- USGS Source Water Assessment and Protection contract was signed.
- USGS is providing technical assistance to USEPA on the Tremont City landfill and barrel fill.
- The statewide 319 project was submitted to Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water.
- Jeff distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> series National Water-Quality Assessment report for the Great and Little Miami River Basins and a fact sheet on the distribution of Arsenic in the US aquifers.

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

- Constructed a pond and wetland on their office property.
- 42 wells have been sampled as part of the State Management Plan for Pesticides. ODA will probably meet their target of sampling 100 wells by the end of June. Well logs have been matched to almost all sampling sites and each site was GPS located. Since the federal government has stopped scrambling the GPS signal the GPS data has become more accurate. The base station corrections may not be necessary.
- ODNR has still not signed the State Management Plan for Pesticides (SMP). Once ODNR's director returns from vacation and signs the plan Larry will walk the plan through Ohio EPA. Tom Allen said Ohio EPA will need to evaluate Ohio EPA's commitments to the SMP
- The plant Pest Division currently has ArcView and Larry is debating whether or not additional copies are needed.
- There has been a voluntary ban on the homeowner use of Durspan (by the company that produces Durspan). Durspan will still be used in agricultural applications.

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

- Heather Raymond will be the new lead and contact person for SWAP and Wellhead Protection. Chris Kenah will be focusing his efforts on completing the ground water portion of the 305B Water Quality Report for USEPA. Tom will provide copies of the report to the SCCGW once it is completed.

- Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters and Division of Surface Water are the lead for the fall WMAO conference. The theme of this year's conference is "Emerging Issues in Water for a New Millennium." Contact Tom Allen if you are interested in participating on the planning committee.

- In appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the SCCGW Representatives, lunch will be provided at Tom Allen's house after the meeting. Tom hopes this will be an annual event each June.

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

-no announcements.

**WORKGROUP UPDATES**

**I. Midwest Ground Water Conference Workgroup**

- Abstracts are due June 30th.

- The field trip will be to the Hocking Hills area. There will be a subcommittee meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss field trip details.

**II. Well Construction Workgroup**

- The final edits are in and Rebecca should receive a copy of the proof shortly. The final review period is over.

**III. 319 Projects**

**Metadata Proposal**

- Tom Allen distributed copies of the proposal and mentioned that Mark Wilson is the coordinator for this grant cycle. Jeff de Roche announced that he received cost share commitments from PUCO, ODA, Ohio EPA- DDAGW, and several ODNR divisions. He is still pursuing additional funding from ODOT and BUSTR.

**Evaluation of Ground Water Projects**

- Heather Raymond announced that evaluations of the ground water proposals are due on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee decided to form a subcommittee that will meet on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The tentative meeting location is the conference room at Highbanks Metropark. Heather will send an E-mail confirming the meeting time and location next week. Heather distributed copies of the ground water proposals to the subcommittee members.

**PRESENTATION**

Gary Rowe from USGS gave an excellent presentation on the Miami River Basins NAWQA Project.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> AGENDA**

**The meeting will be held from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Horace R. Collins Laboratory Conference Room.** The meeting will include Agency updates and further discussion of SCCGW Workgroup activities.



