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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

May 17, 2001

Horace R. Collins Laboratory - ODNR Repository
Conference Room

ABSTRACT

The May 17, 2001 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements on Agency activities.

ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp

NRCS: John Armentano

ODH: Rebecca Petty

ODA: Larry Berger

ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Rick Pavey

OEPA: Tom Allen, Vlad Cica, Kristy Hunt, John Kessler, Bob Knipmeyer

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Jeff de Roche

APRIL MEETING SUMMARY

Comments from Rebecca Petty on page 2 have been revised to the following:

- Household Sewage Treatment Rules:

Final comments are coming in on the Household Sewage Treatment Rules. All comments will be reviewed and considered. A second draft is scheduled to go through the Public Health Council on August 23, 2001.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ODH, Bureau of Environmental Health Services, Rebecca Petty announced:

- Household Sewage Treatment Rules:

- ODH has been receiving comments on the first draft. A summary of the comments has been developed. Most comments relate to cost. Local Health District comments deal with available resources and the need for training as well as time to develop the program.

- ODH is meeting internally to address strategies for implementing the rules. The second draft of the rules will not be released on May 15, 2001 as planned. ODH may release one more draft of the rules in June or July before sending them to the Public Health Council. ODH may stagger in the implementation dates of the rules to provide time for training and other preparations. The rules do not require mandatory inspections for all systems. There will be an internal meeting on May 30, 2001 with the ODH Director to discuss the rules.

- Private Water Supply Rules:

- ODH is working with Baroid to provide future training on air rotary drilling and annular space grouting.

- Violation orders were issued to 6 to 8 drillers that were identified as having a lot of problems.

- ODH has scheduled 35 county surveys for this year. To prepare for the surveys all sanitarians in drinking water will be required to take a self assessment prior to the survey in order to identify ODH's need for assistance. Rebecca will be going to District 2 to do a trial run of the self assessments with drillers.

- ODH is out of all copies of the Well Sealing Document. **All agencies will check to see if there needs to be a statewide reprint of the document or if ODH should go ahead and order its own reprint.**

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- The Ohio Water Resources Council will hold an Executive Board meeting on June 6th, 2001 with its Advisory Group. Larry Antosch was recommended and accepted to chair the Advisory Group. Sam Speck will chair the Ohio Water Resources Council. The goals that were constructed for the Ohio Water Resources Council will be presented for comment at the June meeting.

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

- The Director announced that Dan Harris is the new Division Chief.
- Will be posting some new Manager Positions within the Division.
- Still planning on sending Landfill Siting Rule Revisions to JCARR on June 15, 2001.

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

- There has been some written testimony introduced for the USGS budget. The focus of the budget will be to reprogram what the USGS does. Detractors have suggested that (1) work done by the USGS duplicates USEPA work; (2) some of what USGS does should be done by USEPA; and (3) the public should be paying for the products produced by USGS services instead of using federal dollars.

Handouts (2):

- Geo Data
- A sulfur-isotope mixing model to trace leachate from pressurized fluidized bed combustion byproducts in an abandoned-coal-mine setting - R.J. Haefner

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

- The City of Delaware Penry Road wellfield pump test ends 5/17/01. ODNR will be looking at the recovery data.

ODNR, Division of Geological Survey, Rick Pavey announced:

- The Great Lakes Central Mapping Project was zeroed out of the USGS budget. A State Representative from Illinois is working to reinstate the project at ten million dollars.
- The Lake Erie Supervisor Position is still open but will probably be closing soon.

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:

- No comments.

State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation, Charles Zepp announced:

- The Bureau is upgrading its database.
- The Corrective Action Guidance Document has been completed to draft form.

- A spreadsheet has been developed that contains all of the equations used to calculate risk. This spreadsheet is easy to use and will hopefully answer a lot of questions about how the numbers for the rules are calculated. The spreadsheet will be available soon.

Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water, John Kessler announced:

- Both the electronic mailing and hard copy mailing of the 319 Request For Proposals (RFP) went out on 5/17/01.

- USEPA has not yet approved Ohio EPA's 319 Program for this fiscal year. Hope to be approved the week of 5/21/01. The Division of Surface Water is working constantly with USEPA to get their comments addressed so that Ohio can receive approval.

- This year's RFP does not request any statewide water projects. Projects that (combine) ground water and surface water protection are high priority. There is also the need for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) work. In the future there will be room again for the statewide water projects.

- The 319 Program will be looking at the appropriateness of the RFP scoring system. Please provide any comments on the scoring to John.

- The Division of Surface Water filed a letter of contempt charge against Buckeye Egg Farm. A court date is scheduled for early June 2001. The ODH Vector Board of Health has been excellent in its assistance.

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

- The Director signed off on a public notice on a draft general permit for household sewage systems that discharge off-site. Will try to coordinate this with ODH's rule revision process. There will be public meetings announced.

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

- Provided handouts of SCCGW Bylaws and the Sunshine Law. SCCGW will review these two handouts in future meetings to determine if the Committee is conducting itself appropriately.

- Tom will be on vacation during the June 21, 2001 SCCGW meeting. Mike Baker has agreed to chair the June SCCGW meeting in his place. There were no objections.

Kristy Hunt provided that work continues in the SWAP pilot counties.

WORKGROUP UPDATES

No updates provided.

June 21, 2001 AGENDA

The meeting will be held from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Fountain Square, Building D, Conference Room D-3.

Hard copy Attachments (1):

- A sulfur-isotope mixing model to trace leachate from pressurized fluidized bed combustion byproducts in an abandoned-coal-mine setting, R.J. Haefner

Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC): Ohio Strategic Water Resources Goals:

- The OWRC June 6, 2001 meeting will discuss the Council's goals. The Advisory Group will have the opportunity to provide comments. The meeting will also discuss future steps and processes. Director Speck would like to have a meeting with the Advisory Group and the Agency Directors within the next 3 months.

- It may be a little premature for the SCCGW to begin identifying actions until the OWRC goals and action levels are identified. The OWRC goals will go back to the State Agencies to identify action levels. SCCGW could identify action levels that State Agencies may have left out.

- Rebecca Petty provided a handout of the draft revised goals and objectives from the 1998 Strategic Plan. The goals and objectives are designed to allow priority actions to be placed under them. SCCGW's major input will most likely be on the action levels.

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