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June 21, 2001

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Fountain Square, Conference Room D-3

ABSTRACT

The June 21, 2001 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements on Agency activities.

ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp

ODH: Rebecca Petty

ODNR: Jill Evans, Mike Hallfrisch, Rick Pavey

OEPA: Mike Baker, Tim Christman, Vlad Cica, Kristy Hunt

PUCO: Sue Daly

USGS: Jeff de Roche

MAY MEETING SUMMARY

No Comments.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- There will be several Water Well Grouting and Drilling Workshops put on by Bariod Industrial Drilling throughout July 2001. Provided handout of training schedule dates and agenda.

- On June 14th, 2001 ODH sampled private wells located within a plume in Urbana, Ohio. No results are in yet from the sampling. Water lines are located nearby that the homes could tap into.

- Working on the second draft of the Household Sewage Treatment Rules.
- Working on getting injunctions against two drillers who refused to get registered.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- Senate Bill 65: Created to protect those acquiring a water company from the liability of non-compliance with State and Federal regulations caused by the water company being acquired. SB 65 was proposing to change the definition of a water utility (in Title 49) and PUCO objected. The language was removed and the current definition was left intact.

- Ohio Water Resources Council: A meeting of the OWRC (Executive Board, Advisory Group, and State Agency Representatives) was held on June 6th, 2001. Sam Speck, Director of ODNR will chair the OWRC and Larry Antosch will chair the OWRC Advisory Group for one year. The OWRC put forward draft goals. The next meeting for the State Agency Representatives and the Advisory Group will be held July 20th, 2001. The July 20th meeting will discuss the goals put forth in the June 6th, 2001 meeting.

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

- The Landfill Siting Criteria Rules package is being filed 6/21/01 with JCARR. Ohio EPA has requested the first hearing to be held at the end of July 2001.

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

- The USGS budget was set at \$900 million, which has restored an original \$90 million dollar cut. This is an \$18 million dollar increase over the 2001 budget.

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

- ODNR is looking at upgrading the well log computer system. Discussing on line filing as well as making the detailed database and images available for viewing on the web page. Bids may go out later this summer in 2001.

- ODH, USGS, and OEPA representatives expressed concern over the possible storage of ODNR well logs during scheduled ODNR Fountain Square building renovations. Representatives discussed having individual agencies submit letters to ODNR requesting the well log files remain open. Also, Tom Allen will write a letter to ODNR on behalf of the State Coordinating Committee expressing the need to keep the well log files available.

ODNR, Division of Geological Survey, Rick Pavey announced:

- The House has passed and will possibly fund the Great Lakes Mapping Coalition at \$500,000 from the USGS budget. This is a result of the new USGS budget.
- There is an entry level GIS position open within the Geologic Survey.

ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Jill Evans announced:

- Watershed Coordinator Program: ODNR will fund approximately 4 new Watershed Coordinator positions for 2002. There are presently 19 Watershed Coordinators within the program. ODNR funding for the Watershed Coordinator positions includes full funding for the first year with decreased ODNR funding through the following 6 years. It is anticipated that at the end of the 6 year period each Watershed Coordinator will be funded through local allocated funds.

Rebecca Petty stated that ODH is interested in coordinating Local Health Districts with the Watershed Coordinators concerning septic system issues. ODH will send out a fact sheet on the Household Sewage Treatment Rules when it becomes available. Watershed Coordinators could participate in informing their elected representatives about the concerns involved with private septic systems.

Kristy Hunt stated that it would be beneficial to have the Watershed Coordinators involved with delineated surface water-Drinking Water Source Protection Areas. Jill Evans will provide a list of current Watershed Coordinators for Ohio EPA reference.

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

- The Guidance Document on the Corrective Actions Rules should be available in two weeks.

Ohio EPA Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Tim Christman announced:

- The Leaching Workgroup for the Unified Program Clean-up is developing a concept paper that discusses various prediction methods for ground water leaching of organics, inorganics, and total petroleum hydrocarbons.

Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Mike Baker announced:

- **Ground Water 305(b) Report:** The Clean Water Act established a process for states to develop information on the quality of the nation's water resources and to report this information to the U.S. EPA every two years. These reports are referred to as the 305(b)

Reports and include information on surface water and ground water. Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters has used the ground water chapter of the 305(b) reports as an opportunity to expand the analysis of the available ground water quality data to characterize the water quality of the major aquifer types in Ohio. Handouts of the 305(b) report were provided. An electronic copy of the ground water 305(b) report is available on the Ohio EPA - DDAGW Web page:

http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/pdu/gw_305b.html

- Please provide comments that could be incorporated into the next report. The Clean Water Act mandates Ohio EPA to do another 305(b) report in 2002.

- **Well Construction Rules:** Ohio EPA requested a second extension for filing the rules with JCARR. Will come back to deal with other non-public water system wells in more detail later. Ohio EPA will be adding in general requirements for other types of wells to assist in preventing ground water contamination. SCCGW can review rules and determine where modifications could be added to assist with other non-public water system wells.

WORKGROUP UPDATES

No updates provided.

July 19, 2001 AGENDA

The meeting will be held from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Horace R. Collins (ODNR - Repository) Conference Room.

DISCUSSION OF SCCGW BYLAWS IN REFERENCE TO SUNSHINE LAW and other SCCGW orders of business:

-The DDAGW will be reviewing its SCCGW roles and responsibilities. This concerns DDAGW's Agency Representative and Alternate SCCGW positions as well as its Information Officer responsibilities.

- SCCGW Representatives agreed to the following:

- Several SCCGW representatives are also on the Ohio Water Resources Council. These members can serve as liaisons to the OWRC for SCCGW and vice versa. If there ever is a need to have a voice for SCCGW it should come from the SCCGW Chair.

- An SCCGW Web page would be a great way of communicating SCCGW activities. DDAGW will look into hosting this page from its main web page.

- The meeting break will be moved to directly after the agency updates and announcements.

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

- SCCGW should move forward with identifying action items for ground water related goals and objectives. OWRC can add in the SCCGW action items at the same time that it is developing ground water action items.

- OWRC issues will be added to each SCCGW meeting agenda. Each SCCGW Representative should come prepared to deal with the designated goals and objectives outlined for each SCCGW meeting.

- While it was agreed that Goals 1 and 2 would be discussed at the July 19th, 2001 SCCGW meeting, the Committee will address as many as possible.

- It would be beneficial for SCCGW Representatives to bring the OWRC 1998 Strategic Plan as well as the latest copy of the Ground Water Strategy. Look at these materials in conjunction with the goals and objectives as well as the action items that each state agency has outlined in its annual plan. A copy of the OWRC 1998 Strategic Plan was passed out at the May 17th, 2001 SCCGW meeting. Kristy Hunt or Rebecca Petty can provide a copy of these if you need them.

- **Rebecca Petty** will provide OWRC meeting minutes to Kristy Hunt for distribution to SCCGW Representatives.

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8:30 - 8:35 am CALL TO ORDER
-Introductions

8:35 - 8:40 am JUNE DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

8:40 - 10:30 am AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
-Legislation/Rules/Policies
-Program Developments/Organizational Changes/New Hires
-Miscellaneous

Break

10:45 - 11:25 am OWRC GOALS/OBJECTIVES AND ASSOCIATED ACTION ITEMS:
- Each Agency, Division and Program is requested to come prepared to discuss and submit priority action items associated to the Ohio Water Resource Strategic Plan of the Ohio Water Resource Council (OWRC)

11:25 am AGENDA

11:30 - 12:30 pm OWRC Goals and Objectives / working lunch at Tom Allen's house.