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February 21, 2002
ODNR - Fountain Square
Building D, Third Floor Conference Room

ABSTRACT

The February 2002 meeting was devoted to Agency updates and announcements as well as a presentation by Michelle Willis, ODNR - Director's Office on the Ohio Water Resources Council.

ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp
ODNR: Ted Lozier, Rick Pavey
OEPA: Tom Allen, Kristy Hunt, John Kessler, Bob Knipmeyer
ODA: Larry Berger
PUCO: Sue Daly
NRCS: John Armentano

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY

No revisions were provided.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- DDAGW has been working with the Vaughn Elementary School, to address elevated arsenic levels of 25 ug/l. The Division is coordinating efforts with the Ohio Department of

Health and the Trumbull County Health Department. The Vaughn Elementary School's well is apparently completed in the undivided Berea Sandstone and Bedford Shale of the Mississippian system. The 153 foot deep well is cased for 106 feet through both alluvium and the Mahoning Buried Valley Aquifer system, and another 4 feet into bedrock, leaving some 43 feet of uncased well for bedrock production. This suggests that the water comes almost completely from the Berea sands and Bedford shales.

- Ohio EPA DDAGW has organized a workgroup to evaluate how public water systems will be affected by the new arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) rules of 10 ppb. This workgroup will develop fact sheets defining what the new rule means and what public water systems can do. USEPA has a new guidance document on water treatment.

Larry Berger commented that CCA treated lumber, which contains arsenic, is being banned and it will be phased out by 2004.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Ted Lozier announced:

- The Mineral Resources Management Division is reviewing Senate Bill 83 regarding procedures to protect domestic wells around sand and gravel mining operations. Mike Hallfrisch will be on this workgroup. The workgroup is in the process of reviewing the rules.

- **Tom Allen** said that Ohio EPA DDAGW also provided comments on Senate Bill 83 with regards to the quantity and quality effects on public water systems, as a result of the influence of surface water on ground water.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geologic Survey, Rick Pavey announced:

- No comments provided.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- A conference titled "*Counter Terrorism and Security in the Water Industry: A Manager's Guide to Keeping Your Utility Safe*" will be held on May 22nd, 2002 at the Horace R. Collins conference room. Speakers and materials for the conference have been provided by AWWA. The provided speakers have been traveling to provide this training throughout the Nation. This conference is limited to 50 people. Sue is working on this conference with Mike Baker, Ohio EPA and Curtis Truss, of OTCO (Operators Training Committee of Ohio).

Ohio Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Registration Section, Larry Berger announced:

- The Livestock CAFO rules will be submitted soon to JCARR. Hopefully the state program will transfer to ODA in July 2002. Ohio EPA will still have authority for the federal rules.

John Kessler said that a memorandum of understanding will be developed for Ohio EPA to work with ODA on the CAFO rules.

- Well sampling for the Pesticide State Management Plan is on track. ODA hopes to have 100 Grade A Dairy wells sampled by June 2002. It is preferred to sample in the spring because of the use of pesticides at this time of year.

- New requirements on fertilizer storage tanks. The new requirements call for tanks over 5,000 gallons to have secondary containment. ODA is getting this information out to farmers.

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:

- The NRCS is preparing for funds that will be coming from the Farm Bill. A lot of program renewals are pending on passage of the Farm Bill. If the bill passes there will be a lot of changes within NRCS.

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

- BUSTR will be hiring at least 4 new staff to assist with enforcement and other activities.

- Mark Rickrich will transfer from his Enforcement Coordinator position in BUSTR to Ohio EPA's Division of Emergency and Remedial Response.

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

- Bob has worked with ODH on the Home Sewage Rules. ODH is going to the Public Health Council today to file the old version of the Home Sewage Rules, in order to meet the five year rule revision, instead of the revised version. Ohio EPA's off-lot discharge general permit process was tied to the revised Home Sewage Rules. OEPA and ODH are working with Representative Niehaus to put together new legislation. It is unknown what will be the time frame to complete the new bill.

- A conference will be held on March 14th, 2002 with the Ohio Association of Health Commissioners and Ohio EPA. The Conference will be held at the Roberts Road Holiday Inn. The agenda will include solid waste issues and funding of household sewage challenges. There will be an update on Phase II Storm water regulations as well as a

District Chief round table with the County Health Commissioners. Registration is \$90.00 and registered sanitarian continuing education credits are offered. Contact Kimberly McConville at 221-5994.

- Bob is a member of the West Nile Virus Workgroup for Ohio. The 2002 program plan should be finalized by March 1, 2002. All agencies will have a copy of the program plan. ODH and the West Nile Virus Workgroup are trying to get a budget for the program.

Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, John Kessler announced:

- ODH personnel in the Vector Born Disease Unit, Dr. Barry and his staff have been a great help with mosquito assessment.

- A lot of grant monies and low interest loan funds are available for assistance to home owners for up grading household sewage treatment. These funds are available through the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA).

Larry Berger said that Rural Development also has low interest loans available to homeowners.

- Request for proposals for 319 grants will go out in April 2002. This grant cycle will be heavily weighted towards Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and SWAP related activities.

- The sludge regulation program is developing a GIS format.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ohio Water Resources Council

- At the March 21st SCCGW meeting representatives will begin abstracting action items and associating them with ground water and specific agencies. Those action items that will be addressed first will be those actions that are directly related to the activities of a participating SCCGW agency and its agency activities associated with the biennial budget for 2002-2003. Representatives will also look at SCCGW issues that representatives want to work on separately.

March 21, 2002 SCCGW Meeting

- The meeting will be at the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Seminar Room A from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 am. The address for ODA is 8995 East Main, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Larry Berger can be reached at 728-6392.

PRESENTATION:

"Overview and Status of the Ohio Water Resources Council", Michelle Willis, ODNR - Director's Office

- Michelle gave an overview of handouts of the OWRC WEB page. The Web page address is www.ohiodnr.com/owrc/ . The Web page defines the OWRC structure, its members, the statutory authority, and its by-laws.

- The OWRC has a goal of initiating the implementation of the Ohio Water Resources Strategic Plan in State Fiscal Year 2003 and to provide reported accomplishments that have come out of the plan-to-date.

- The OWRC draft strategic plan has outlined seven goals with over 160 associated action items. OWRC members used weighted voting to prioritize the action items. The objectives for each of the goals were selected to help keep all of the goals moving forward.

- Through the Ohio Water Resources Council state agencies will be able to more easily identify overlap.

- Within its goal of **Water Resources Planning**, OWRC's strategic plan outlines on-going action (d.) to support continuation of the State Coordinating Committee on Ground Water and consider modification of Committee to include surface water issues.

SCCGW representatives explained that many of the Committee representatives work in state programs that must consider surface to ground water interactions and as a result surface water issues relating to ground water are discussed at meetings. SCCGW representatives do not wish to extend the size of its current representative body to include representatives that are only concerned with surface water issues. SCCGW representatives requested that OWRC remove the suggestion to include surface water issues within action item (d.) of the Water Resources Planning goal.

- Michelle explained that she would communicate this recommendation back to the OWRC representatives.

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**Ohio Department of Agriculture - Seminar Room A
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8:30 - 8:35	CALL TO ORDER -Introductions
8:35 - 8:40	FEBRUARY DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
8:40 - 10:30	AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -Legislation/Rules/Policies -Program Developments/Organizational Changes/New Hires -Miscellaneous
10:30 - 10:40	BREAK
10:40 - 11:00	PRESENTATION: National Geochemical Survey Dennis Hull, ODNR Geological Survey
11:00 - 11:25	Discussion on Ground Water Protection Priorities as identified in the Ohio Water Resource Strategic Plan
11:25 - 11:30	AGENDA
11:30	ADJOURN