

# 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

August 15, 2002

Horace R. Collins Conference Room  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Repository Building  
3307 South Old State Road  
Delaware, Ohio

### **ABSTRACT**

The August 2002 meeting was devoted to Agency updates and announcements.

### **ATTENDANCE**

ODA: Larry Berger  
ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Ted Lozier, Rick Pavey  
OEPA: Michael Eggert, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger  
BUSTR: Charles Zepp  
PUCO: Sue Daly  
USGS: Ralph Haefner

### **JULY MEETING SUMMARY**

No changes.

### **AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

-Ohio's first two cases of possible West Nile virus in humans were announced, although (so far) they have not been verified by the Center for Disease Control. Two cases in horses were confirmed in Holmes County.

-ODH's On-Lot Sewage Rules are on hold.

-Representative Niehaus plans to re-introduce the draft legislation for on-lot sewage early next calendar year. The new version is not as detailed as the previous version.

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

- The Bureau is moving from its Tussing Road location back out to the Fire Academy within the next two months.

- Two ES-2 positions have been posted.

- The Bureau is upgrading its computers at a cost of over \$200,000.

***United States Geological Survey, Water Resources Discipline, Ralph Haefner, announced:***

- The meta-data project is moving along. Four stakeholder meetings have been held and forms are being developed for input parameters.

- A proposal has been submitted to national USGS's Ground Water Research Program for a \$75,000 grant to study recharge through glacial till, using dye-tracing and lysimeters. The grant should be awarded by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- The fall Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) conference will be held October 23-24 at the Ramada Inn on Sinclair Road. The conference theme is "The Three-Dimensional Watershed". The ten planned sessions will focus on ground water/surface water interactions. Ralph is the Conference Chair and can be reached by email at [rhaefner@usgs.gov](mailto:rhaefner@usgs.gov) or by phone (614) 430-7751.

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

-The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) met in Portland, Oregon in July. Sue distributed copies of the Ohio Water Resources Council's Strategic Plan. The commissioners from Florida and Connecticut were extremely interested in this information.

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

- The drought has led to a number of domestic well dewatering complaints, especially near golf courses.

- The observation well rehabilitation project will start in September, at 17 sites. Seven new wells will be installed, seven existing wells will be redrilled, and one will be deepened. These wells are equipped with continuous recorders to track ground water levels.

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

- ODNR is reducing staff levels by 75 positions. Since 1994, ODNR has lost 500 positions; the 75 to come are in addition to that.

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

- ODA is reducing staff by 32 positions.

- Positions are being filled for the Livestock Program.

- Well sampling at Grade A Dairy farms for the Pesticide Management Program is complete. Of the 70+ results received to date (out of 100 total), there have been no detects. A summary report will be prepared soon.

- This year's pesticide container recycling program will wrap up at the end of the week.

***Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Michael Eggert announced:***

- About 500 source water assessments have been completed for public water systems. Community systems are being assessed first, because they serve by far the largest populations. The reports are not yet being posted on the Division's Web site, due to security issues.

- The Homeland Security initiative is making grants available to large public water systems (serving over 100,000) for upgrades to contingency planning, to increase the security of the plant and distribution system.

- Seven nitrate MCL violations have been reported in the last four weeks. Some atrazine has been detected occasionally throughout the state during this summer, but not above MCLs.

- Farm Science Review will be September 17-19 at the Molly Caren site near London. Staff from various divisions of Ohio EPA will host displays.

- In June the Division of Surface Water received three applications for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). One of these is for 5,000 head of livestock, located within the drinking water source protection area of the Village of Anna.

- Division staff attended training on devices for treatment of arsenic. Only non-community non-transient systems (e.g., factories, schools) are candidates for this technology due to maintenance issues. About 200-300 systems have arsenic levels greater than the recently revised federal MCL of 10 ug/l. This level does not become "enforceable" until 2006.

- In reference to the Ground Water Rule, USEPA is sponsoring a study of bacterial indicators and coliphage (viral indicator) in ground water, to test “nonvulnerable” wells and confirm that they do not return detections for viral and bacterial indicators. Staff from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ohio EPA will be sampling a selection of public water supply wells over the next 6-12 months.

**Review of Ground Water Protection Council survey**

Michael Eggert went over the survey, soliciting clarifications and additional comments from SCCGW members.

**Ohio Water Resource Council Goals and Strategies**

The template will be provided by Wednesday (9/18/02) to initiate discussion at Thursday’s meeting. The SCCGW needs to complete the template by the October 17<sup>th</sup> SCCGW meeting, so that prioritized items can be addressed in OWRC’s identification of priorities beyond the next biennium budget, and during the November preparation of the SFY ‘04-’05 state budget.

**September 19, 2002 SCCGW Meeting**

The meeting will be held at the ODNR Repository Building, Horace R. Collins Conference Room in Delaware, Ohio from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The meeting will consist of agency updates and announcements and a presentation by Mike Ekberg, of the Miami Conservancy District.

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8:30 - 8:35	CALL TO ORDER -Introductions
8:35 - 8:40	AUGUST DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
8:40 - 9:45	AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -Legislation/Rules/Policies -Program Developments/Organizational Changes/New Hires -Miscellaneous
9:45 - 10:15	Ground Water Protection Council Survey - Mike Eggert
10:15 - 10:25	BREAK
10:25 - 11:25	PRESENTATION - Mike Ekberg of the Miami Conservancy District (MCD)
11:25 - 11:30	AGENDA
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