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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 19, 2004

Horace R. Collins Conference Room, ODNR Repository
Delaware, Ohio

ABSTRACT

The August 2004 meeting consisted of Agency announcements, discussion/evaluation of the 319 planning grant applications, and a presentation on Ohio EPA/DDAGW's on-line Source Water Protection training

ATTENDANCE

OEPA: Tom Allen, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger
ODNR: John Kessler
USGS: Jeff DeRoche
ODH: Rebecca Fugitt
PUCO: Sue Daly
BUSTR: Charles Zepp
NRCS: John Armentano

Presenters: Heather Raymond and Craig Smith, Ohio EPA, DDAGW

JULY DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

A correction was noted for ODH's announcement: John Wells retired on July 30th, not June 30th, 2004.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- PUCO has agreed to contribute funding to the Ohio Water Resources Council, starting in SFY 06.

- Sponsors of the National Drinking Water Symposium are planning for 2005 a symposium that presents a more universal picture of drinking water in America, identifying and addressing the most important shared concerns and goals of the various organizations that are involved in drinking water quality and quantity.

USGS, Water Resources Discipline, Jeff DeRoche announced:

- The ground water metadata project is making great progress. A no-cost extension has been requested (original deadline was January 2005) and funding has come in to add a surface water component.

- A new version of MODFLOW has been released. Version 1.15.00 includes the new Geometric Multi-Grid (GMG) Solver Package by Wilson and Naff, which is faster and uses less memory than the previous solver. MODFLOW 2000, which includes this new solver, is available at <http://water.usgs.gov/nrp/gwsoftware/modflow2000/modflow2000.html>.

- The Water Systems Council, a nonprofit organization, provided a "Well Care Workshop" recently that provided excellent information on the drilling and maintenance of private wells, designed for sanitarians and drillers. Jeff suggested that other SCCGW organizations might want to consider allowing staff to attend this workshop.

Natural Resources Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:

- NRCS in Ohio is experiencing major staff changes, with openings for District Conservationist positions in ten counties, numerous transfers, and several retirements, including Paul DeArman's, State Resource Conservationist.

- NRCS is busy with the Conservation Security Program (CSP) sign-up in the Little Auglaize and St. Joseph River watersheds in northwest Ohio. This program provides \$7.5 million to farmers and ranchers who are meeting the highest standards of conservation and environmental management, to help maintain those standards.

- NRCS is also currently conducting "midterm reviews" of Conservation Reserve Program set-asides, to determine what needs to be done to ensure each site continues to meet the goals of the program for the next ten years.

- As part of the federal outsourcing initiative, \$966,000 of this year's NRCS budget must be spent on outside service providers. One project identified for outsourcing is the completion of Comprehensive Manure Management Plans.

- NRCS has been reorganized into three regions nationally (East, Central, and West), with a National Technology Support Center in each region (located in Greensboro, North Carolina, Fort Worth, Texas, and Portland, Oregon).

- Dana York will become the NRCS' first female Associate Chief on September 5th, succeeding Thomas Weber who is retiring after 32 years with NRCS.

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

- BUSTR's new proposed corrective action rules provide for ground water remediation at any spill site where local wells yield 3 gpm or more of ground water. Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program (for remediating brownfields) uses an action level of 0.1 gpm. While consistency between these two programs is desirable, both agencies have strong arguments for the appropriateness of their action levels.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, John Kessler announced:

- The Scioto River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) appears likely to be approved. An announcement is expected in September or October. This will provide \$150 million over ten years to establish easements and implement various best management practices on 7,000 acres in the Scioto River watershed. The program will be administered by Soil and Water Conservation District staff.

Ohio Department of Health, Rebecca Fugitt announced:

- House Bill 231 (addressing household sewage systems) is expected to go forward in the fall, when Ohio legislators return to session.

- ODH does not yet have sufficient information to determine what initiated the recent outbreak of gastrointestinal illnesses in visitors to South Bass Island.

Ohio EPA, Directors Office, Bob Knipmeyer announced:

- The chemical C-8 has been detected in one pump-and-treat well at the Dupont facility in Circleville, where the chemical has been used in the past, but in much lower quantities than at the West Virginia plant. More intensive ground water sampling will be undertaken.

Ohio Department of Transportation, Rob Lang reported (via e-mail):

- Last month, a meeting was held with ODOT, Ohio EPA, and Shell Oil regarding construction of a ramp onto the bridge over the Ohio River at Belpre. It was determined that Shell Oil will be performing the Ohio EPA-required remediation work involving arsenic levels in Davis Creek.

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

- At Senator Carmichael's request, the Legislative Services Commission has put together a paper on other states' regulations related to ground water use. Michael Baker (OEPA/DDAGW) and Dick Bartz (ODNR/Division of Water) will be meeting to discuss this report.

- OEPA's Division of Surface Water and Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) are coordinating in an evaluation of ground water discharge limits for human/animal waste disposal programs such as sludge application, livestock practices, and wastewater treatment and storage facilities.

- The agenda has been finalized for the Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) fall conference scheduled for October 6th and 7th. A GIS help room will be available.

PRESENTATIONS

Craig Smith (OEPA/DDAGW) gave a presentation on the Source Water Assessment and Protection on-line training.

DISCUSSION

Heather Raymond (OEPA/DDAGW) led a discussion of the 319 planning grant applications.

NEXT SCCGW MEETING:

Thursday, September 16th, at the Horace R. Collins Conference Center (ODNR Repository).

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8:30 - 8:35	CALL TO ORDER - Introductions
8:35 - 8:40	AUGUST DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
8:40 - 10:15	AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
10:15 - 10:25	BREAK
10:25 - 10:40	UPDATE ON GROUND WATER METADATA PROJECT - Ralph Haefner, USGS
10:40 - 10:55	INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF OHIO WATER RESOURCES' "WEB PORTAL" - Ted Lozier
10:55 - 11:25	DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL WATER USE/RIGHTS LEGISLATION (Representative Carmichael's) - Ted Lozier and Tom Allen
11:25 - 11:30	OCTOBER AGENDA
11:30	ADJOURN