

Proposal:

- Three-pronged Approach
 - Facilitate Regional Planning Among SWMDs
 - Facilitate SWMD Cooperative Projects, Initiatives, Shared Services
 - Consolidation
- Specifics
 - Regional Planning
 - Still very much in concept stage
 - Likely 5 to 10 established regions
 - Ohio EPA facilitated regional planning
 - Baseline regional data and information, possibly more
 - SWMDs still draft and submit their own plans – building from regional information to more specific SWMD plans
 - Cooperation/Shared Services Specifics
 - Identify any current statutory or regulatory barriers & eliminate (we don't think they are significant, if they exist) (underway)
 - Catalog existing examples as guidance (underway)
 - Create Guidance and Case Studies for Distribution
 - State contracts for common goods and services (i.e. HHW services, Recycling Containers, etc.) (underway)
 - Consolidation
 - Establish 100,000 population threshold
 - Liberal time allowance for consolidation
 - Three Phase Approach
 - First Phase– SWMD self-directed (9 months?)
 - Second phase– Ohio EPA Facilitated Consolidation (6 months?)

- Third phase Fourth phase – Ohio EPA Directed (3 months?)
- Additional time frame to complete all of the detailed technical transfers to make consolidation complete:
 - Assets (buildings, rolling stock, etc.)
 - Financial assets
 - Debt
 - General administrative issues (offices, procedures, etc...)
 - Personnel (including Union issues)
 - General programming and services
 - Existing Contracts
 - Fiscal Officers (who would house and manage the finances)
 - Investment Income
 - Other legal issues
- Allow a waiver from 100,000 threshold under limited circumstances
 - SWMD Demonstrates
 - Exemplary Programming, Services, Results
 - Adequate and Stable funding
 - Commitment to Continued Improvement
 - Commitment to Cooperative Activities w/ Other SWMDs
 - Director's Discretion Granting Waiver