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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

October 15, 1998

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Building D, Third Floor Conference Room

ABSTRACT

The October 15th meeting was devoted entirely to agency updates and announcements and Work Group updates.

ATTENDANCE

OEPA: Tom Allen, Tim Christman, Vladimir Cica, Barb Lubberger
ODNR: Bob Van Horn
ODA: Larry Berger
USGS: Jeff DeRoche
NRCS: John Armentano

SEPTEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

The September meeting summary was approved as written.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OEPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Tom Allen announced:

- 1.) An interdivisional Waste Steering Committee is looking at all Ohio EPA's waste programs as part of an effort to improve consistency among the programs. How to deal with ground water contamination (e.g., definitions, exceedances of MCLs, constituents without MCLs, etc.) is a major issue, and a sub-group of the Clean-up Work Group has been formed to deal with it. They expect to recommend a position by the end of December. Tom will plan on presenting major issues at the November SCCGW meeting.

USGS, Water Resources Division, Jeff DeRoche announced:

- 1.) The Center for Disease Control's project for sampling pathogens around poultry operations is proceeding. Sampling should be conducted during the second week of November.

- 2.) USGS testing for the proposed new wellfield for the City of Delphos may not go forward, because the citizens have filed for an injunction.
- 3.) The following new reports are available from USGS:
 - The OhioView Project (Affordable, Integrated Access and Delivery of U.S. Government Satellite and Geospatial Data to the American Public)
 - “How do we determine when the beaches are safe for swimming?”
 - USGS Fact Sheet
 - “Simulation of Ground-Water Flow, Dayton Area, Southwestern Ohio”

OEPA, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Tim Christman announced:

- 1.) The Task Force’s report on better using the authority of ORC 6111 is being reviewed by management, and then will need to go through the Issues Coordinating Group.
- 2.) On September 24, the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation filed its new rules with JCARR. A public hearing will be held on November 6th, and public comment period will end on November 22nd.
- 3.) A bill sponsored by Representative Schuck to create the equivalent of a State Superfund program did not pass this legislature. The bill proposed a \$200 million fund backed by bonds and taxes.

NRCS, John Armentano announced:

- 1.) The reorganization of NRCS is complete. [John passed out state maps showing how the Districts are organized]
- 2.) John also passed out information on the Emergency Watershed Program, tabulating the costs of damages from last summer’s floods in southern Ohio. Much of the damage was to roadways.
- 3.) A Conservation Reserve Program signup will be held October 26 through December 11, 1998

OEPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, Vladimir Cica announced:

- 1.) The Division expects to publish its recommendations for rule revisions soon. No major changes are proposed. Perhaps the most significant recommendation is proposed criteria for prohibiting vertical expansions of landfills if they don’t have a liner.

ODNR, Division of Geologic Survey, Bob Van Horn announced:

- 1.) October 11-17, 1998 was Earth Science Week in Ohio. The week began with earth-science presentations and displays at Highbanks Metropark on Sunday, October 11, 1998. These activities were provided by representatives from the Divisions of Geologic Survey, Soil and Water Conservation, REALM, and Water. Ohio EPA, the USGS Water Resources Division and The Ohio State University also participated in the events at Highbanks.
- 2.) Dr. Adriaan Janssens was presented with the Geological Survey’s Mather Medal at an award banquet held on Friday, September 25, 1998. The Mather Medal, named for Ohio’s first

State Geologist, William Mather, is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the knowledge of Ohio geology.

- 3.) On September 25, 1998 at 3:52 PM, a moderate earthquake occurred centered at Pymatuning Reservoir just east of the Ohio state line. The quake measured 5.2 on the Richter scale, which makes it the strongest earthquake in Ohio since 1937. Reportedly, damage was very minor; however, the quake was recorded as far away as Mongolia. [Bob distributed a page summarizing information on the earthquake as well as a page from the Division's Web page, showing the seismogram of the earthquake.]

Currently, there are only two operating seismometers in Ohio, located at the College of Wooster and the University of Toledo. The Division is preparing to install a PC-based network of 15 stations around the state, which will be tied into the new Sample Repository at Alum Creek. [Bob passed out a map showing the 15 locations.]

ODA, Pesticides Section, Larry Berger announced:

- 1.) A summary document on the Agency's Clean Sweep Program (1993-1998) will be available soon; Larry will distribute it at the next SCCGW meeting. Over 17,000 pounds of chlordane were received for disposal, as well as over 13,000 pounds of DDT, which is now outlawed in the United States.
- 2.) Ohio's program for recycling agricultural chemical containers competes with any in the United States, including the highly publicized Texas program. The 55,000 pounds recycled this year exceeds last year's total.

WORK GROUP UPDATES

Well Construction Work Group

The group's final draft guidance will be discussed at a meeting scheduled for November 10th at ODA, Seminar Room A.

State Management Plan for Pesticides

Larry Berger reported that he expects to send the revised State Management Plan to U.S. EPA by the end of November.

DISCUSSION OF OHIO WATER STRATEGIC PLAN

This discussion item was tabled. The group had planned to draft a letter summarizing the SCCGW's comments, but the Plan is on a very fast track and the letter wasn't completed in time.

NOVEMBER AGENDA

The November SCCGW meeting has been moved to November 12th, to avoid conflicting with the Water Management Association of Ohio's annual meeting on November 17-19. **The meeting will be held at ODNR** (not Ohio EPA, as originally planned), **Building D, third floor conference room.**

HAND-OUTS

- 1.) The OhioView Project (USGS brochure concerning geospatial data)

- 2.) “Simulation of Ground-Water Flow, Dayton Area, Southwestern Ohio” (USGS report)
- 3.) “How do we determine when the beaches are safe for swimming?” (USGS brochure)
- 4.) USGS Fact Sheet
- 5.) Ohio Earthquakes and Seismic Stations (map)
- 6.) “EWP Damage Survey Report Estimated Cost and Estimated NRCS Financial Assistance Share” (table of damage costs)
- 7.) NRCS Administrative and Resource Units (map)
- 8.) “September 25, 1998 Pymatuning Earthquake” (summary write-up)
- 9.) Seismogram of Sept. 25, 1998 Pymatuning Earthquake

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| 8:30 - 8:35 am | CALL TO ORDER
-Introductions |
| 8:35 - 8:40 am | OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY |
| 8:40 - 9:10 am | PRESENTATION on major ground water issues under consideration by Ohio EPA's interdivisional Waste Steering Committee (Jeff Patzke) |
| 9:10 - 10:10 am | AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
-Legislation/Rules/Policies
-Program Developments/Organizational Changes/New Hires
-Miscellaneous
-Work Group Updates |
| 10:10 - 10:20 am | BREAK |
| 10:20 - 10:50 am | AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued) |
| 10:50 - 10:55 am | MISCELLANEOUS |
| 10:55 - 11:00 am | NEXT SCCGW MEETING AGENDA |
| 11:00 am | ADJOURN |