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April 18, 2002

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
DDAGW Conference Room A
122 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio

ABSTRACT

The April 2002 meeting was devoted to Agency updates and announcements, as well as a presentation by Tim Lotimer, President, Lotowater, Ltd., Paris, Ontario, titled "Investigation and Outcome of Walkerton E. Coli Outbreak."

ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp
PUCO: Sue Daly
ODA: Larry Berger
ODH: Rebecca Petty
ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Mac Swinford
ODOT: Rob Lang
OEPA: Tom Allen, Kristy Hunt, Bob Knipmeyer
OSU Ext.: Cindy Folck
NRCS: John Armentano
USGS: Jeff de Roche

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The Livestock Program submitted its revised regulations to JCARR.

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geologic Survey, Mac Swinford announced:

- Bob Stewart, a cartographer with ODNR's Geological Survey, has retired. Thirty-five staff are now working for the Ohio Geological Survey.
- The Cleveland South 3-D surficial map is finished and the Geological Survey is now working to convert it to a pdf electronic format.
- Geological Survey staff attended the Geological Society of America meeting in Lexington, Kentucky during the first week in April. The staff were there to promote the glacial maps.

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

- Ohio EPA staff were updated by email that there is a hiring freeze. Ohio EPA still plans to hire summer interns.
- Planning for the 2003 fiscal year is underway.
- A media tour of the Kirby Tire site will be conducted on April 24, 2002. There have been a lot of improvements in the site cleanup.
- West Nile Virus: The state action plan has been finalized and is available on the Ohio Department of Health's Web page. The group is led by Dr. Berry, ODH, Chief of Vector Borne Disease Unit. The group is expecting the first human positive for West Nile Virus to occur this season. Ohio EPA staff assisted ODH in setting out mosquito traps where necessary at facilities regulated by the agency.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly, announced:

- Registration for the AWWA sponsored conference on Counter Terrorism and Security in the Water Industry is May 22nd, 2002. Contact hours can be received for attending the conference.
- Cindy Folck will provide the conference information to the county extension agents.
- Judy Jones was re-appointed to a five-year term as PUCO Commissioner.

OSU Extension, Cindy Folck, announced:

- The OSU Extension is dealing with a 6% budget cut. Each county has three extension agents. The state is divided into five districts of counties. Vacant extension agent positions will be filled on a rotating basis. When a vacant position is created within a district that district must wait until four extension agent positions have been filled across the state until they can post and fill their vacant position. Therefore, at any given time there will be four vacant extension agent positions in the state. No vacancies are being filled at the university specialist level.

- Pesticide Application Training: There have been a lot of inquiries for how to get licensed to spray for mosquitoes. The OSU Extension helps train people for pesticides application, but the actual license for pesticides application comes from ODA. Commercial pesticide applicators are required to obtain a license.

National Resource Conservation Service, John Armentano, announced:

- Bruce I. Knight was named chief of USDA's conservation agency for private land on May 6th 2002. Knight most recently served as vice president, public policy, for the National Corn Growers Association's Washington, D.C. office. Knight previously served on the staff of Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, KS, focusing on development of the conservation title of the 1996 Farm Bill. He also worked for the National Association of Wheat Growers and as a legislative assistant to Rep. Fred Grady, Iowa and Sen. James Abdnor. Knight succeeds Pearlle Reed who served as NRCS chief since March 1, 1998.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service works directly with landowners to help protect the Nation's soil and water resources on private land in a voluntary, science-based approach. It also works in partnership with a broad array of state and local groups to sustain and enhance environmental quality. As Chief, Knight also chairs the USDA Air Quality Task Force.

- Farm Bill funding for conservation is \$17.1 billion. The hope is to rebuild lost capacity and restore some technical expertise.

- Vacancies include: District Conservationist in Wooster, Resource Conservationist in Chillicothe, Research and Development Coordinator in Delaware, Cartographer in the state office.

- Ohio submitted its Prime Farmland Preservation Plan. Money for this plan is in the Farm Bill. National headquarters will review Ohio's plan and prorate the money among all the states.

Ohio Department of Transportation, Environmental Services, Rob Lang announced:

- Rob works in the ODOT Central Office of the Environmental Services Division. He will be replacing Juliet Denniss, whose job position has shifted within the Division. Although Juliet still works with environmental issues, Rob will now be handling the ground water issues and he will be representing ODOT at the monthly SCCGW meetings. Rob is still working with Juliet to determine what ground water issues are pending.

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

- BUSTR's funding is fine and they will be hiring additional enforcement staff. When these positions will be posted is uncertain. These new positions will be supported by 90% federal funding. Currently ten BUSTR staff oversee 5,400 UST sites.

Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters:

- Kristy Hunt said that drinking water source protection issues have made it into newspapers over the past month. A Yellow Springs newspaper reported on the Yellow Springs wellhead protection meeting where the community was dealing with multiple jurisdiction issues. Also, the Times Reporter in Stark County Ohio reported on the drinking water source susceptibility analysis of the City of Canton's Sugarcreek Wellfield. Ohio EPA-DDAGW provided the Sugarcreek Wellfield's susceptibility analysis to the City of Canton in June 2001.

United States Geological Survey, Water Resources Discipline, Jeff de Roche, announced:

- The USGS is continuing with its reorganization. Director Chip Groat in a press release has summarized some information and activities surrounding the reorganization:

The success of the USGS depends on the quality and objectivity of its science and its demonstrated relevance to the Nation's needs. The goal in restructuring the bureau and in redefining our business practices is to ensure that USGS is positioned to be a world leader in the natural sciences. The USGS provides many valuable services to the Nation. Our goal is to enhance this tradition of scientific excellence by increasing our ability to work on large regional natural resource problems and to more effectively draw on the full breadth of scientific capability available within the USGS.

Activities are now underway that will:

- *strengthen the role of the regions and regional centers, including expanding the line and administrative authority of the Regional Directors,*
- *enhance regional management of programs and customer interactions,*
- *define regional focus areas, integrated science centers, and the distribution of executive leadership in the regions,*
- *streamline and consolidate administrative functions, and*
- *improve and align common business practices.*

May 16, 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, as well as continued discussion on the OWRC's goals and objectives.

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3307 South Old State Road, Delaware, OH**

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| 8:30 - 8:35 | CALL TO ORDER
-Introductions |
| 8:35 - 8:40 | APRIL 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 - 11:25 | DISCUSSION ON OWRC GOALS AND STRATEGIES |
| 11:25 - 11:30 | AGENDA |
| 11:30 | ADJOURN |

NOTE: Luncheon at Tom Allen's postponed until June.