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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

May 16, 2002

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

ABSTRACT

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

ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Charles Zepp
PUCO: Sue Daly
ODH: Rebecca Petty
ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Ted Lozier, Rick Pavey
OEPA: Tom Allen, Kristy Hunt, Bob Knipmeyer
OSU Ext.: Cindy Folck
NRCS: John Armentano
USGS: Jeff de Roche

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The next request for 319 grant proposals is anticipated to be posted at the end of May 2002. The request will include all of the application criteria. Information may be obtained from the Division of Surface Water Web page or by calling 614-644-2001. TMDL and Source Water Protection work will be the priority for this round of grants.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly, announced:

- Twenty eight people are registered for the Counter Terrorism and Security in the Water Industry Conference that will be held Wednesday May 22nd at the Horace R. Collins Conference Room. A discussion panel consisting of four local, state and federal agency representatives will be part of the conference. Panel representatives include: Ohio EPA - Ashley Bird, ODH - Steve Wagner, FBI - Ken Wall, Ohio EMA - Jesse Baker.

- PUCO is coordinating with Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water (DSW) and Legal staff to discuss the effects of DSW enforcement action on the rates and the obligation to serve for PUCO regulated water facilities. When a wastewater treatment facility is required to shut down because of an Ohio EPA enforcement action, PUCO needs to be informed because of the change in rates. Also, the PUCO obligation-to-serve conflicts with Ohio EPA enforcement actions that require a wastewater treatment facility to shut down.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Mike Hallfrisch and Ted Lozier announced:

- The ODNR started strategic planning and goal setting for fiscal year 2003.

- ODNR is reviewing how to handle requests for information. Some of the information requests require a lot of manipulation and staff time to complete. Those who are requesting the information are often packaging the information and later reselling it for a profit. ODNR is considering charging for information requests that require excessive time or unusual effort. ODNR is also trying to provide maps electronically on the Web.

- Jeff de Roche said that the USGS charges the hourly rate of an employee to process and provide large information requests.

National Resource Conservation Service, John Armentano, announced:

- Farm Bill Updates: The federal funding for conservation looks very good but it is still unclear how much funding Ohio will be receiving. Funding will be kept low initially to assist states in building their programs gradually.

- The Conservation Security Program provides new incentives for dealing with different resource concerns.

- Handout: Farm Bill 2002 - Conservation Provisions Overview

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

- Mac Swinford, ODNR-Geologic Survey has reviewed the geologic information available in BUSTR's files. ODNR will return to discuss what can be borrowed from these files. The files are either in paper or microfiche and are organized well. BUSTR has geologic information on 4500 sites throughout the state and will be actively involved in the ground water meta-data 319 project meetings.

- Recommend that the OEPA , DDAGW-SWAP program talk with BUSTR Chief, Pete Chase because there may be a more updated version of the GIS underground storage tank coverage.

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

- Meta data 319 project: The State Library is starting to attend the project meetings. They are providing a lot of useful ideas to the project. The meta data project will be advertised at state supported libraries.

**Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Health Services, Rebecca
Petty, announced:**

- The proposed fee increases for well construction permits and annual contractor registration fees have been passed by JCARR. Next the proposal will go to the Public Health Council.

- ODH is working to provide a database on the Web that will allow the public to obtain information on Ohio well drillers.

- Representative Niehaus has drafted legislation that makes the Household Sewage Program a State Program. The legislation also establishes hardship loans and gives ODH the authority over local health districts.

Ohio State University Extension, Cindy Folck, announced:

- Because of the abundance of rain in the state, very little of this year's corn crop has been planted. There is a time frame in which corn can be planted in order for it to be mature enough for the plants to survive the summer heat and possible dry weather that comes later in the season. Also, now weeds are taking over fields that crops should be planted in.

- Handout: Ohio Woodland Stewards Program

- The Extension is offering half day classes for its Woodland Stewards Program. These classes are for woodland owners and cover topics such as woodland management, disease, weeds, harvesting old woods and managing wildlife.

June 20th, 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.

Ohio Water Resources Council:

- During the April 18th SCCGW meeting representatives were asked to review the ground water priority goals and objectives. However, more time is needed to review all of the goals and objectives. Tom Allen will resend the electronic copy of the ground water goals and objectives via email to SCCGW representatives.

- There will be an OWRC meeting of the Directors July 1, 2002 to announce the OWRC Strategic Plan. Governor Bob Taft will be at this meeting.

- SCCGW representatives expressed that the OWRC strategic plan had a lot of information packed into it. This large amount of information made the document cumbersome to review and the interconnection of all the State Agency (Water Resources Programs) is lost. Perhaps visuals could be used to simplify the document.

- A suggestion was made to use GIS mapping to create a visual of how all state agencies work together to protect Ohio's water resources.

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- 8:30 - 8:35 CALL TO ORDER
 -Introductions
- 8:35 - 8:40 MAY 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 - 10:50 PRESENTATION: New Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) Rules
 Lindsay Taliaferro, Manager, Ohio EPA, DDAGW
- 10:50 - 11:25 DISCUSSION ON OWRC GOALS AND STRATEGIES
- 11:25 - 11:30 AGENDA
- 11:30 ADJOURN

Luncheon at Tom Allen's house.