

STATE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON GROUND WATER

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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

April 15, 2004
Corps of Engineers Training Auditorium
Alum Creek State Park
Lewis Center, Ohio

***NOTE: The May 20th meeting will be held at the Highbanks Metro Park Nature Center**

ABSTRACT

The April 2004 meeting consisted of Agency announcements and a presentation by Rebecca Petty on ODH's down-hole camera investigations. This was followed by a presentation by David Jones of StormCenter for SCCGW and the Ohio Water Resources Council.

ATTENDANCE

OEPA: Tom Allen, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger
ODNR: Jim Raab
USGS: Jeff DeRoche
ODH: Rebecca Petty
PUCO: Sue Daly
NRCS: John Armentano

MARCH MEETING SUMMARY

No changes requested.

AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ohio Department of Health, Rebecca Petty announced:

- The full Energy and Environmental Committee will meet next Wednesday (April 21) to discuss the Home Sewage bill.
- ODH will soon send out revised standards for sewage tanks emphasizing water-tightness and proper installation.

- The Butler County Health Department is putting together a fact sheet on the health effects of perchlorate, which showed up last year at low levels in some of the City of Fairfield's public drinking water wells.

- Over 600 sanitarians attended the recent Midwest Conference.

- The Water Systems Council has secured a grant to offer a "well care" workshop on August 17th at the Ramada Inn on Sinclair Road. This workshop will focus on residential well construction issues and well financing.

Ohio EPA, Directors Office, Bob Knipmeyer announced:

- A fact sheet on septage has been finalized. It will be made available to watershed coordinators through ODNR, and to county sanitarians through ODH.

- OEPA and ODH are working out a difference of opinion on which agency should regulate 'conservation developments', where effluent from multiple private septic systems flow to a common easement area. OEPA considers this a collective system but ODH does not, because the outlet pipes are individually owned and maintained, and are not connected.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:

- Commissioner Schriber has been reappointed for another five-year term.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Jim Raab announced:

- Division staff will participate in a pumping test at the Chesterfield Dairy in Fulton County, which is trying to obtain more water from a water-poor shale without dewatering neighboring wells.

- The first round of ground water quality sampling for the Mad River watershed project is scheduled for May.

- The Division continues working on obtaining funding for creating on-line filing and search capabilities for the electronic well log database.

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

- Articles are invited for the next edition of the Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) newsletter, to come out in two months.

- The Watershed Workshop sponsored by WMAO and OWEA is April 28th.

- WMAO's Fall Conference this year is scheduled for October 6-7. The topics will be storm water and watershed protection.

- After the July 15th SCCGW meeting there will be a Geoprobe demonstrate at the Horace R. Collins facility.

PRESENTATION - DOWNHOLE CAMERA IMAGES OF PRIVATE WELLS

Rebecca Petty showed video from ODH's private well investigations using the downhole camera. The images gave compelling testimony to the need for careful well installation and maintenance.

PRESENTATION - STORM CENTER'S WATERSHED PROJECT

David Jones, of Storm Center, discussed his company's efforts to provide local TV weathercasters with information and imagery/computer graphics on environmental issues besides weather. His goal is to obtain grants from the environmental agencies who house and interpret most of the data, to package the data (using computer wizardry and satellite images) and provide it to a local station free of charge. After getting the project started, he then seeks corporate funding to keep it going.

NEXT SCCGW MEETING:

May 20th - at Highbanks Metro Park Nature Center

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- 8:30 - 8:35 CALL TO ORDER
 - Introductions
- 8:35 - 8:40 APRIL DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
- 8:40 - 10:15 AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please provide information on the status of your agency/program's
activities related to the OWRC strategic plan)
- 10:15 - 10:25 BREAK
- 10:25 - 10:35 Status of NPS 319 State Management Plan update
- 10:35 - 10:45 OWRC Strategic Plan and associated ground water protection priorities
- 10:45 - 11:30 Discussion on OWRC recommendations for water resource protection
education and outreach:
- WMAP Fall Conference (Tom)
 - StormCenter concept (Tom)
 - Statewide campaign (Tom)
 - Source Water Protection/Soil&Water Conservation OEEF grant
proposal (Kristy Hunt)
- 11:30 - 1:30 Potluck lunch - Mansion Shelter