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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

July 20, 2000

Horace R. Collins Laboratory - ODNR Repository  
Conference Room

### ABSTRACT

The July 20, 2000 meeting was devoted to updates and announcements, and continued discussion of the WMAO and Midwest Ground Water Conferences.

### ATTENDANCE

BUSTR: Lynne Caughell  
ODH: Rebecca Petty  
ODNR: Mike Hallfrisch, Bob Van Horn  
OEPA: Tom Allen, Kristy Hunt, Michael Slattery  
PUCO: Sue Daly  
USGS: Jeff de Roche

### JUNE MEETING SUMMARY

There were no suggested revisions to June's meeting summary.

### AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Mike Hallfrisch announced:*

- Dave Cashel, ODNR reported that ground water supplies are the same or higher than this time last year. Soil moisture and streamflow are better. Ground water levels in the carbonate aquifers are up as well.

*ODH, Bureau of Local and Environmental Services, Rebecca Petty announced:*

- Still trying to get training scheduled for Local Health Districts and drillers concerning water well grouting and drilling fluids. Please let Rebecca know of any wells that are being drilled that could serve as a training site for the well grouting and drilling fluids training. ODH is sponsoring a water well grouting and drilling fluids workshop that will be instructed by Ed Anderson of Bariod Industrial Drilling Products. Please see attached announcement (hard copy mailing). Anyone interested in attending the workshop is encouraged.
- Jeff de Roche, USGS mentioned that the USGS was conducting some training in Geauga County that could possibly serve as an ODH training site.

***Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Kristy Hunt announced:***

- District office staff are working on pilot county delineations and inventories. Separate workgroups have been developed to outline Potential Pollution Source Inventory processes as well as susceptibility analysis processes. Guidance documents will be developed for each phase of the SWAP assessment process (delineation, inventory, susceptibility analysis) once all of the implementation steps have been outlined and finalized by each of the respective workgroups.
- A SWAP managers meeting will be held in St. Louis within the end of August, 2000. This managers meeting gives the opportunity for all USEPA Region 5 states to meet together with USEPA SWAP representatives and talk about issues within their SWAP Programs.
- Rob Hanover, one of DDAGW's GIS Specialists has taken another position and has left Ohio EPA.

***U.S.G.S, Water Resources Division, Jeff de Roche announced:***

- The new USGS Director is re-organizing USGS operations. All USGS divisions will have the same business mode. There will be more work on appropriated funds and there may be some program changes. Rapid changes are taking place and are being implemented.
- Attended the 319 Selection Committee meeting. Things went well for ground water proposals. The key to a good proposal is to follow the proposal outline instructions provided. The 319 process is ahead of schedule for this round of proposals. The SCCGW should maintain their presence with the Selection Committee.
- Provided copies of the USGS Open-File Report 00-91 titled "Descriptions of Selected Digital Spatial Data for Former Air Force Plant 36, Evandale, Ohio".

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

- DDAGW is working through the budget process for fiscal years 2002 and 2003. SWAP is high on the priority list as the program is in the development stage with GIS capabilities, inventory and protective strategies which are all highly time consuming steps within the SWAP process.

- Ground Water Quality data is now in an electronic form and the division can begin to evaluate water quality across the state in combination with ODNR and USGS information through the use of GIS. DDAGW is looking to expand the Ground Water Quality Program goals to assist with other priority areas of DDAGW such as developing and implementing the new Drinking Water Rules.

- The Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) Fall Conference will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Those associated with Ground Water programs at Ohio's Universities will be invited to the conference to relate to them what the state of Ohio is dealing with in terms of ground water programs and available sources of data and other information. The State of the Waters Report for WMAO will be a big part of the fall conference. A draft agenda for the conference consists of WMAO Division Sessions held on the first day, along with keynote presentations. The second day will consist of 1 convened meeting dealing with the conference theme "New Water Issues for the Millennium". The issues will be presented on a watershed basis.

***Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Sue Daly announced:***

-no announcements.

***Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations, Lynne Caughell announced:***

- Lynne is the Coordinator for Corrective Actions in eastern Ohio. She is sitting in for Charlie Zepp.

- BUSTR is working on the development of a new consolidated database called: Ohio Tank Tracking and Environmental Regulations (OTTER). This new database has taken multiple databases used by BUSTR and compiled them into 1 single database. The database is based on a facilities i.d. number instead of as previously used incident numbers which could get extensive. BUSTR contracted with Compuware to develop the database. BUSTR is also getting a new website that will be electronically linked to the new database. BUSTR will be linking to other agencies from their website.

- Developing new fact sheets on BUSTR-soil classifications, still having consultants not properly identify soil classifications. These classifications are important when determining contaminant levels at BUSTR sites. The new fact sheets outline step by step instructions for evaluating soil classifications.

- Jeff de Roche mentioned that he talked with Pete Chase and BUSTR will be participating in the 319 metadata project.

***ODNR, Geological Survey, Bob Van Horn announced:***

- ODNR now has a USGS Seismometer at the Horace R. Collins Laboratory building (ODNR Repository).
- The Divisions of Oil and Gas and Mines and Reclamation have been combined into the Division of Mineral Resources Management.
- The Geological Survey received notification from ODOT of the approval of 2 pre-proposals. The first proposal was to digitize all bedrock topography maps. This is a 2 year \$180,000 project, OPI has been contracted to do the digitizing. The second proposal was to complete an electronic database for all abandoned underground mines in Ohio. The project would scan all available mine information and produce CD-ROM discs with optical images that will be lined to the database. This is a \$120,000 3 year project. Having difficulty finding a contractor to scan large maps. ODNR has until September 1, 2000 to submit the final draft of the proposals. Work will begin fall 2000.

**WORKGROUP UPDATES**

**I. Midwest Ground Water Conference Workgroup**

- Received a new menu and food prices from the Holiday Inn. There will be a field trip committee meeting today. Dave Beurnino of Lancaster Water Department is excited about participating in the field trip as one of the planned stops will be at the Lancaster wellfield.

**PRESENTATION**

Michael Slattery of Ohio EPA, DDAGW provided a presentation on DDAGW's Ground Water Addendum to Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Waters 305B report. The draft ground water report was compiled by Chris Kenah, Kathy Musser, Linda Slattery and Michael Slattery of DDAGW's Water Quality Unit.

**August 17<sup>th</sup> AGENDA**

**The meeting will be held from 8:30 - 12:00 a.m. at the Horace R. Collins Laboratory Conference Room.** The meeting will include Agency updates and further discussion of SCCGW Workgroup activities.



