

# 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

May 19, 2005

Horace R. Collins Conference Room  
ODNR Repository, Delaware, Ohio

### **ABSTRACT**

The May 2005 meeting consisted of Agency announcements and brief discussion of priority ground water activities for the next biennium.

### **ATTENDANCE**

OEPA: Tom Allen, Bob Knipmeyer, Barb Lubberger

ODNR: Ted Lozier, Rick Pavey

ODH: Rebecca Fugitt

ODA: Bill Goodman

PUCO: Sue Daly

NRCS: John Armentano

### **REVISIONS of APRIL DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

None requested.

### **AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Natural Resources Conservation Service, John Armentano announced:***

- Terry Cosby is the new State Conservationist, starting the first week of May.

- Conservation Security Program sign-up for 2005 is underway, with a deadline of May 27, 2005. (This program provides payments to producers who are already implementing soil or water quality/conservation practices and are willing to sign a contract to continue these practices for a specified number of years.)

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

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- At its May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Ohio Water Resources Council (OWRC) Education and Outreach Workgroup presented the new OWRC logo and discussed a brochure design. Also, the Workgroup has put together a list of possible topics for Storm Center to develop as broadcast segments, grouped under the following categories: natural hazards, water quantity and quality, watershed management, data and information, education and outreach programs, and infrastructure management.

***Ohio Department of Health, Rebecca Fugitt announced:***

- A meeting was held with Ottawa County Board of Health last Saturday on South Bass Island. The Board wants to ensure that all facilities serving water to the public have some level of water treatment. There are reportedly around 200 private residences on South Bass Island that are rented out as vacation spots, sometimes informally, but only a fraction of those have been identified. All facilities will be required to install treatment systems, if none are in place, or else make bottled water available.

- Rebecca distributed a booklet completed by ODH and revised in 2004, titled "Plans for Developing a Rainwater Cistern or Hauled Water Supply".

***Ohio Department of Agriculture, Bill Goodman announced:***

- ODA recently put out a news release about the ash-borer, which is not yet seen widely in Ohio.

- ODA currently is spraying for gypsy moths in northern Ohio.

- Soybean rust, which has caused problems in Gulf Coast states, has not yet been seen in Ohio.

***Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, Ted Lozier announced:***

- The Legislative Services Commission has drafted some ground water use legislation that gives local jurisdictions more authority over ground water use. It also gives the Division of Water permitting authority over entities withdrawing more than 100,000 gallons per day. The next meeting with LSC will be held June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- The on-line well log filing project is underway. The Division plans to have drillers pilot the program in August-September, 2005.

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

- The West Nile virus has migrated to the west and does not appear to be a major concern in Ohio this year, at least at this point in the mosquito season.

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

- This year's Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO) Conference will be held November 2-3. A call for papers will go out soon.

- SCCGW members are asked to check out the WMAO website at [www.wmao.org](http://www.wmao.org) and

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provide comments on the Ground Water section.

- A SCCGW website is being designed. Kristy Hunt will present it at the July SCCGW meeting. Members are asked to provide ground water-related photos (in horizontal format) for inclusion in the main page.

**DISCUSSION OF OWRC ACTION ITEMS**

Tom Allen explained some changes in the matrix and requested that members pay most attention to columns titled “SCCGW Involvement” and “Future Action Needed”. Information that has already been forwarded will be incorporated into the next iteration, which will be revisited at the June meeting.

**NEXT SCCGW MEETING:**

Will be held June 16th, at the Horace R. Collins Conference Room, 8:30-11:30 am.

A potluck lunch at Tom Allen’s house will follow the meeting.

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**June 16, 2005**

**Horace R. Collins Conference Center, ODNR Repository  
Delaware, Ohio**

- 8:30 - 8:35            CALL TO ORDER  
                              - Introductions
- 8:35 - 8:40            REVISIONS TO MAY DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
- 8:40 - 10:15          AGENCY UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 10:15 - 10:25        BREAK
- 10:25 - 11:25        DISCUSSION: GROUND WATER PRIORITIES in reference to OWRC  
                              Strategic Plan
- 11:25 - 11:30        JULY MEETING AGENDA
- 11:30                 ADJOURN

**Pot luck luncheon at Tom Allen's house follows the meeting. Please bring a side dish or dessert.**

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