

Draft
Ohio Water Resources Regional Committee
June 14, 2004

DEP Knox District Mining Office
White Memorial Building
Knox, PA 16232

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Committee members in attendance:

Daniel Barton
Scott Blauvelt
Donald C. Bluedorn, Esq.
Mitchell Brouman
Marie M. Clark
Terry Dayton
Gerald Feldman
Jeffrey Foley
Curtis Kaelin
Jan Oliver
Robert Ritchey
Ronald J. Rohall
Jerry Schulte
Deb Simko
Robert Softcheck
Charles O. Stowe
Roger Uhazie
Jay Tarara

Others in Attendance:

Denny Puko
Tom Stefano
Dan Ireland
Dave Strauh

DEP Representatives:

Stuart Gansell
Bill Gast
Hoss Liaghat
Lori Mohr
Dennis L. Angelo
John Haluszczak

Administrative Items

- *April Meeting Minutes:* Mr. Brouman commented that his request in the wrap up section of the April meeting was specifically pertaining to the 16 components of Act 220 regional plans. He requested DEP to provide the committee with a report pertaining to activities of other involved state agencies in the December meeting.

The summary from the previous meeting held on April 12, 2004 was approved.

Motion made by: Mr. Ritchey
Motion Second: Mr. Softcheck
Motion was carried

Statewide Committee Meeting Summary: Don Bluedorn presented a brief summary of the statewide committee meeting. He mentioned that: statewide meeting will be held bi-monthly due to the extent of duties; the critical water planning areas have to be determined based on scientific approaches rather than political considerations; the election of interim chairs has been completed and the “to do” list for the statewide committee has been discussed. He handed out a DEP Fact Sheet explaining Act 220, and a copy of an email explaining the summary of statewide committee meeting of May 10, 2004 discussions.

DEP Summary of Activities: Stu Gansell explained a summary of the DEP activities, the status of registration to date, the status and meeting schedules for the statewide subcommittees.

Update on PCPG Act 220 Symposium of May 19: Scott Blauvelt presented a brief summary of the symposium. He handed out the topic outline of the symposium. He mentioned the symposium covered the technical, legal and economical aspects of the SWP and was a success with more than 200 attendees.

Mercer County Comprehensive Plan, Implementation Project and Water Resources Issues in Mercer County

Presentation by Dennis Puko:

The presentation provided an overview of the County to map future growth, development and community improvements. Mr. Puko mentioned about the top issues and initiatives that the plan is concerned about. He explained that the plan involves several different communities and is based on watershed level for land use data. In regard to water, he mentioned that water quality and allocation of water is a concern of the county.

Public Outreach

Mr. Bluedorn & Ms. Simko

Mr. Bluedorn distributed a draft of the State Water Plan Public Participation Workgroup meeting notes of May 26. He explained that the public development strategy had been discussed in three stages. However most of the meeting had been focusing on stage one for identifying appropriate audience, messages, etc.

To identify the list of the contacts/stakeholders, a facilitated meeting was conducted to brainstorm the appropriate names of the contacts under different major categories of agricultural, industrial, etc.

Mr. Bluedorn also handed out target dates for statewide subcommittee meetings.

Oil and Gas Construction Contamination:

Bob Gleeson, of DEP's Northwest Regional Office, presented a quick review of well construction. He explained the potential for water resources pollution and techniques of pollution control for surface water and ground water in today's practice of the well construction industry. He briefly discussed the problem of flowing wells in Braddock and the remediation technology.

Wrap-Up/Next Steps

Bob Ritchey mentioned that August meeting will be held in Cambria Conservation District. He said the committee members are welcome to be there the day before the meeting for some afternoon site visits.

Deb Simko mentioned about amending the by-laws for members' absence policy. The committee acknowledged that this is becoming an issue and it will be discussed and decided in the next meeting.

Deb Simko also suggested discussing critical water planning areas (CWPA) in the next meeting. Bill Gast mentioned that the committee will be given preliminary guidelines from the statewide subcommittee for CWPAs that can be used for future discussions. Meanwhile committee members can suggest/discuss CWPAs via email.

- Robert Ritchey made a motion, and Mr. Bludorn seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 PM.