

**GROUND WATER TASK FORCE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES**  
**Thursday December 4, 2003**

**INTRODUCTION**

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Ken Lovelace (OSRTI) opened the call by saying that he wanted to focus on items other than the GWTF options papers.

**UPDATE ON ONE CLEANUP PROGRAM**

Ellen Manges led the discussion on the One Cleanup Program. She discussed the three areas they are currently focusing on:

- Area wide pilot projects
- Institutional controls (how handled by different programs)
- Streamlining site specific cleanup information so that it is more accessible to the public from the main EPA page

By early next year they should have Fact Sheets on each of the area wide projects posted on the web site. The Fact Sheets will include a discussion of the major issues that they want to address such as groundwater and performance measures to better understand what is being accomplished in the bigger area wide cleanups.

The site specific streamlining effort aims to have one webpage where a person can click on the State they are interested in and obtain a list of CERCLA, RCRA, and UST sites that are in some stage of cleanup. Currently you need to go to the region webpage, go into the program you're interested in and look there.

The Superfund program is developing a system for tracking institutional controls for federal lead sites. The one cleanup interest is in ensuring other programs such as Brownfields and RCRA are on board with this effort.

**REVIEW OF STATUS OF OPTIONS PAPERS**

The papers have been sent out to the GWTF members for comment. Comments on both papers are due by December 18 and will be discussed at the next conference call.

**GWTF WEB SITE**

Three options were presented to the task force and, after some discussion, option three, which has the full list of subject topics down the left side of the page, was chosen. GWTF members were asked to review the subject topics and suggest any additions or deletions they might want made and what they might want to see on the website including links to other program sites.

**PROGRAM SUMMARIES**

There are a lot of different programs represented on the GWTF. These summaries are designed to describe the programs and their role in groundwater protection and cleanup. Drafts have been done for the Superfund, RCRA, UST, Pesticides, Drinking Water, and State of Georgia programs. There was general agreement that posting these on the website was a good idea and that other programs should be solicited.

## **STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH**

The members discussed different formats for conducting stakeholder outreach efforts. The options raised included:

- Targeted face-to-face meetings with specific invitees to be held at EPA headquarters
- A national meeting/workshop with an open enrollment
- Targeted conference calls with selected stakeholder groups
- Internet seminar format
- Video conferencing

The leaning was towards an open, face-to-face type meeting that would probably take the form of a national conference/workshop. It was decided that while a good idea, it was premature to make any determination until the options papers themselves have been made public.

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) will be meeting in January with Ken Lovelace and Guy Tomassoni to discuss what the GWTF is doing.

### **ATTENDEES**

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