

## **April 22, 1999 Meeting Summary**

The following people attended the meeting: Mr. Chuck Cabbage (MDA), Ms. Pam Stevenson (AAG), Ms. Debbie Hayes (MUCC), Mr. Charlie Bauer (DEQ), Mr. Pete Maciejewski (GM), Ms. Rebecca Demchuk (GM), Mr. Ted Starbuck (SEMCOG), Mr. Jim Ridgway (ECT) and the chair. The March 24, 1999 meeting summary was approved as final without revisions. There were a number of handouts provided at the meeting: Part XXX. Water Quality Trading Supplement - Draft 14, April 1, 1999 (P. Maciejewski), Draft Preamble to Water Quality Trading (D. Batchelor), April 19, 1999, Comments by C. Cabbage, Comments on Draft 16 (K. Cave); and revised pages for Baseline Rules 12 and 13.

The group discussed the watershed management planning rule. Several recommendations were made and agreed upon, as follows: add a public notice/comment requirement to the rule, limit the term that an approved plan would remain in effect to five years; and, change the title of the rule to read, "Watershed management plans for water quality trading". These changes have been made in the attached Draft 17. Several members of the group strongly suggested that the Department needs to develop a consistent approach and basic requirements for watershed management plans that may be used to implement the Clean Michigan Initiative, trading, 319 projects and general watershed permits. The attached handouts from Wayne County provide additional information.

The group discussed and agreed on a strategy and timeline for completing the workgroups recommendations and rules for a statewide trading program. Most felt that the Draft 16 version was very close in content. It was agreed that Draft 16 would be revised to include comments that had not been addressed and that this draft would be used to finalize the group's recommendations. The timeline for finalizing the rules was targeted to be June 1999. Also by this time, the group decided to have the Supplement completed. The hope is to have final rule recommendations and the supplement both ready to start formal rulemaking by August 1999.

The group discussed how to best finalize the rules. It was agreed that each member would take responsibility to read those sections of primary interest and provide comments to the chair in the next 30 days. A series of meetings will be held to go through the entire rule package. These meetings will involve subgroups of the larger workgroup and will focus on key parts of the rules. The first meeting will be held at General Motors on May 19, 1999. Jim Ridgway, Kelly Cave, Ted Starbuck and I will attend this meeting. This group will review urban and industrial stormwater, watershed management planning and baselines. A second meeting will be scheduled in the Lansing area. A key focus area for this group will be the agricultural framework. Other meetings may be scheduled if needed. Recommendations from these sessions will be included in a revised rule for the June workgroup meeting.

The next meeting of the full workgroup will be held at the Michigan United Conservation Club office on May 28, 1999. It will begin at 9:30am. An agenda and location map are attached.