

## **Drinking Water Advisory Committee (DWAC)**

**Oct. 29, 2002**

**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Ohio EPA, Conference Room 5A**

### **Abstract**

The following updates and action items are highlights of the DWAC meeting, October 29, 2002. The executive summary follows the abstract.

No comments on the August meeting summary.

The Division provided updates on vulnerability assessment grants; budget proposal; lead and copper 9-year monitoring waiver; 2001 Annual Compliance Report; USEPA Strategic Plan; plan approval process improvements; staffing issues; rule-making activities and 2002 - 2003 DWAC priority issues. Members provided no additional comments on drinking water issues they'd like to address for the upcoming year. At the August meeting, members did indicate that plan review was at the top of the list of their concerns. The Division is moving forward with seeking a third party facilitator via the Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management to identify problems with the plan approval process, as well as identify options to address those issues. A plan review workgroup kickoff meeting will be held in late November or early December.

The Division will not include the 9-year monitoring waiver when they propose the lead and copper minor rule revisions after assessing that time and costs to administer the program would be excessive because of the small number of public water systems that might qualify for certification. The division's proposed budget was submitted in October and being reviewed by the Office of Budget and Management. Included were increases in all fee areas: license to operate, plan review, operator certification and lab certification.

### **Action Items**

- **Provide input on state drinking water emergency response plan**
- **Participate on plan review workgroup**
- **Meet with M. Baker/Laura Powell (Legal) to discuss division budget concerns**
- **Provide input on USEPA strategic plan**
- **Provide input on DWAC priorities**