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DOCUMENTARY SHARES SUCCESSSES AND NEW CHALLENGES FOR IMPROVED WATER QUALITY IN MAUMEE RIVER WATERSHED

In 1965, the Junior League of Toledo produced, *Fate of a River: Apathy or Action*. The film depicted troubles of the Maumee River watershed, showing foaming detergents, raw sewage, green and blue industrial discharges, gasping fish, and algae-laden streams. It was broadcast on television and was shown to more than 70,000 people in Northwest Ohio schools and civic groups to inform citizens how their actions were negatively impacting local waterways and to motivate them to help restore the health of their rivers and Lake Erie. The conditions shown in *Fate of a River* were so deplorable that the film's producers testified at state and federal water quality hearings, which eventually led to the Clean Water Act.

the 1.7 million people living in the three-state, 26-county Maumee River watershed. More than 280 copies of the film will be distributed to schools, libraries and Soil & Water Conservation District offices throughout the watershed in February/March 2003. A speakers' bureau will be organized to facilitate viewings and to further discuss water quality impacts.

Creating a documentary for water quality issues on the largest watershed in the Great Lakes required a true collaborative effort. A \$48,785



grant from the Ohio EPA Environmental Education Fund was the primary source of funding for the documentary and outreach program, with local donations and in-kind contributions amounting to more than \$20,000. A diverse Technical Committee prioritized issues presented in the film and reviewed script content. Many organizations provided input, guidance and support to project leaders to ensure that the film was objective and scientifically accurate.

"I'm very pleased with this film and the way it introduces so many water quality issues to the public," said Jenny Carter, film producer and Hull Associate. "With such a short film, it's impossible to thoroughly describe all of the successes and current impacts in the watershed, but I truly hope this motivates the public to better understand the issues and inspires them to take action to continue to improve our valuable Maumee River ecosystem."

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the film or would like to consider a speakers' bureau presentation, please contact Jenny Carter, Hull Toledo, (419) 385-2018 or jcarter@hullinc.com. Additional information on this program and the many project collaborators can be found at www.wgte.org/fateofariver.

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In 2002, ClearWater, Inc., with the help of WGTE Public Broadcasting, the Ottawa River Coalition, the Maumee RAP, and many project partners, updated this film into a new 30-minute documentary, *Fate of a River: Revisited*. Premiering on WGTE in November 2002, the film reviews water quality improvements over the last 37 years and highlights the role of industries, municipalities, farmers, and citizens to reduce or eliminate pollutant discharges into the river.

The documentary is the main component of a larger educational effort to reach

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Project Collaborators

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Ottawa River Coalition (Lima)

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The Nature Conservancy
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Carl Hoecherl Memorial
Robert and Dick McBroom Memorial

HULL NAMES NEW ASSOCIATES

In recognition of their professional expertise and the continued value brought to Hull, we are pleased to announce three new Associates: Hugh Crowell, Loretta Snider and Jenny Carter.



Hugh Crowell, PWS

Hugh Crowell is Hull's Wetland and Ecological Services Practice Leader and has been with Hull since 1999. He manages ecological evaluations of residential, commercial, industrial, county, and municipal properties. He performs ecological risk assessments; designs ecological components of corrective measures plans for RCRA sites; negotiates Clean Water Act permits; and designs restoration, mitigation and monitoring plans for wetlands, streams and terrestrial areas.

Hugh is a certified Professional Wetland Scientist, and holds an M.S. in Botany from the Ohio State University and a B.A. in Biology from The College of Wooster.



Loretta Snider, PE

Loretta Snider is a Registered Professional Engineer in Ohio and joined Hull in August of 1997. She is currently the full-time Project Manager for environmental work associated with the expansion of the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Loretta holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Youngstown State University.



Jenny Carter, APR

Jenny Carter has been with Hull since 1998 and works out of our Toledo office. Her contributions are focused in the areas of government and public relations, funding and her extensive community involvement. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism with a major in Public Relations and a minor in Environmental Studies from Bowling Green State University. She recently earned a national Accreditation in Public Relations.

Hugh, Loretta and Jenny join Associates Doug Stuart, Bill Burkett, Bill Biehl, Terry Baehr, Angie Gerdeman, Paul Hotz, Mark Mersmann, Karen Okonta, Kevin Wildman, Mark Zakrzewski, and Bill Beach. ●

CLEAN OHIO REVITALIZATION FUND (CORF) ROUND 2 – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

*Deadlines are tentative and subject to change based on continuing Clean Ohio Council (COC) meetings. For an updated schedule, please contact Jane Dailey at 614-793-8777 or jdailey@hullinc.com.

Application Available – **Early March**

Applications Submitted to Library for Public Review – **June 6**

Public Meetings – **Late July**

Applications Distributed to Integration Committees – **Late July**

Application to Clean Ohio Council – **Mid-Late August**

Clean Ohio Council Decisions – **December 2003**

VAN DYNE HONORED



In recognition of his accomplishments and dedication, The Ohio Alliance for the Environment named Randy Van Dyne for the 2002 Award for Distinguished Service in the field of Environmental Education.

Randy Van Dyne helped the University of Findlay develop the nation's first bachelor's degree program in environmental and hazardous materials management. He then went on to develop the Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC), additional degree programs in Environmental Management, and most recently positioned the university as a leading expert in counter-terrorism training.

"We are proud to support University of Findlay's environmental programs both through its internship programs and its excellence in environmental management and training programs. Under Randy's direction, the program continues to expand while producing quality students and training programs that are respected nationally and unmatched by most universities of its size." — John Hull

Currently, Mr. Van Dyne serves as the assistant vice president/executive director for the National Center of Excellence for Environmental Management at the University of Findlay. He has also helped develop several programs for the Ohio Alliance for the Environment, as well as numerous professional training programs for a variety of other organizations. ●

NEW STORM WATER REGULATIONS FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION SITES

On December 8, 1999, U.S. EPA announced Phase II of the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program. The intent of the Phase II is to address unregulated sources of storm water discharges that have the greatest likelihood of causing environmental degradation.

As Phase II communities know, a Storm Water Management Permit is required to be submitted in Ohio by March 10, 2003. The Phase II rule automatically covers all small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) located in "urbanized areas" and those potentially designated MS4s located outside the urbanized areas nationwide. The MS4s Phase II storm water management program must comprise six minimum control measures to reduce pollutants in urban storm water compared to existing levels in a cost-effective manner.

What may not be as clear, beginning March 10, anyone completing small construction activities between one and five acres of land must obtain a permit. In Ohio, a Notice Of Intent (NOI) must be submitted 21 days prior to initiation of construction. While a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWP3) does not have to be submitted to Ohio EPA, submission of an NOI assumes that a SWP3 has been developed for the site and should be available for review upon request.

For more information, please contact Dave Baltzer at 614-793-8777 or Karen Okonta at 419-385-2018. ●

U.S. EPA SEEKS COMMENTS ON ECHO PILOT ON-LINE

The U.S. EPA is seeking public comments on ECHO – Enforcement and Compliance History On-line. ECHO, a tool that can search information of facilities regarding compliance inspections, violations or enforcement activities, was developed in partnership with the Environmental Council of the States, a national association representing state and territorial environmental commissioners.

When final, ECHO will provide detailed facility reports that will contain:

- Federal and state compliance inspections
- Environmental violations
- Recent formal enforcement actions taken
- Demographic profile of surrounding area

ECHO will also establish an on-line error reporting process to ensure continued public participation on data quality. Comments will bring valuable input on ECHO's content, design and data accuracy. The deadline for all comments is March 31, 2003.

For more information or to post your comments, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/echo/>. ●

OHIO EPA SOLID WASTE RULE REVISIONS SUBMITTED TO JCARR

Ohio EPA Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management re-filed rules governing sanitary, industrial and residual landfill facilities along with scrap tire monofill facilities. The rules were filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) and were heard on March 3, 2003. Proposed changes address engineering issues such as siting, construction, operations, closure, and post-closure care. They also address groundwater monitoring issues, such as detection and assessment. Ohio EPA anticipates the rules will become effective in the summer or fall of 2003 if no significant revisions are required.

For more information, please contact Jim Pasche, Hull's Solid Waste Management Services Practice Leader at jpasche@hullinc.com or 419-385-2018. ●

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K&H ENERGY SERVICES, LTD. EXPANDS



H. Andrew Holtom recently joined K&H Energy Services, Ltd. (K&H), an affiliate of Hull & Associates, Inc., that provides energy consulting. Mr. Holtom is an Electrical Engineer registered in 10 states and has over 15 years experience in the electrical engineering consulting business.

K&H now offers design, installation, and commissioning of electrical and control system projects for the industrial and municipal markets. Practice areas include power distribution, automated control systems, programming (PLC & HMI), and on-site services (electrical contractor coordination, I/O and loop checkout, and system troubleshooting). Andy will be operating out of Dublin, Ohio, in the shared offices of Hull and K&H.

Please visit the K&H website (<http://www.khenergy.com>) for additional information or contact K&H Energy Services at one of the following locations:

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EXTENSION TO 2004 PROPOSED FOR SPCC DEADLINES

U.S. EPA has proposed a one-year extension for the compliance deadlines in the revised Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations (68 FR 1352, Jan. 9, 2003).

"We are proposing this extension to prevent the flood of individual extension requests it has become apparent we will otherwise receive," U.S. EPA said in the preamble to the proposed rule. "It would... be an inefficient use of scarce agency resources to address this problem by processing a great number of individual extension requests."

Several facilities made the U.S. EPA aware that they would have had trouble meeting the original 2003 deadlines. According to the proposed rule, the new deadlines are Feb. 17, 2004, to amend the SPCC plans and Aug. 18, 2004, to implement the amendments.

Original Deadlines:

Amend SPCC Plans: **2/17/03**
Implement Amendments: **8/18/03**

NEW (extended) Deadlines:

Amend SPCC Plans: **2/17/04**
Implement Amendments: **8/18/04**