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Ohio Groundwater Hydrology

Dr. A. Sawyer

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Relationship between groundwater and surface waters

Groundwater Use in Ohio

S. Smith, MS, CGWP

High-capacity groundwater wells

- Municipal wells
 Agricultural uses
- Industrial and mining use
- Operational challenges and asset management for wells

Domestic well maintenance

Expansion of low-temp geothermal use

Understanding Ohio Surface Water and Groundwater Rights

B. Barger

J. Gardella

Rights to Ohio surface waters

- Ownership of surface water
 Regulation of surface water rights
- Obtaining surface water rights
 Application and permitting process
- Amending surface water rights

Current issues in surface water rights

Rights to groundwater

- Ownership of groundwater
 Regulation of groundwater rights
- Obtaining groundwater rights
 Application and permitting process

Current issues in groundwater rights

PFAS Litigation Risks: Understanding Regulatory and Litigation Trends

Understanding SDWA and CERCLA current and future framework Understanding current PFAS litigation landscape and future trends

based on future regulations

ASTM revised standards for PFAS

Potential risks to architects, planners, and engineers from PFAS litigation issues

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Faculty

Audrey Sawyer, Ph.D. Professor, The Ohio State University

Dr. Audrey Sawyer is a professor with The Ohio State University, School of Earth Sciences. Her main areas of expertise include hydrogeology, surface water-groundwater interactions, and coastal hydrology. Dr. Sawyer and her research group focus on understanding interactions between surface water and groundwater in streams, rivers, estuaries, and coasts. The team also focuses on determining hydrologic controls on the movement of nut rients, contaminants, and heat in watersheds. Dr. Sawyer earned her Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas-Austin.

Stuart Smith, MS, CGWP Partner, Ground Water Science

Stuart Smith is one of the nation's foremost experts on the diagnosis and treatment of well problems and performance deterioration, and well and wellfield asset management. He is a Certified Ground Water Professional (CGWP) by the National Ground Water Association, a Registered Geologist with the Commonwealth of Kentucky (he would have an Ohio registration if there were one), and has been consulting in the ground water field since 1983. In addition to his consulting career, he has also worked for the National Water Well Association (now NGWA), developed the curriculum and instructed ground water science and technology at Wright State University (where he developed portions of the WSU IRIS distance-learning hydrogeology training program), and taught biology courses and advised hydrogeological engineering projects at Ohio Northern University. He has spoken on well maintenance and asset management, rehabilitation, and microbiology topics in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, England, Tanzania, Slovenia, Jordan, and throughout North America. In recent years, he has become active in the effort to equip professional water sector capabilities and to develop water supplies in Tanzania and other developing countries. He is currently also a partner in a water management and construction company. Ground+Water Tanzania. Ltd., and its Ohio-corporation affiliate Earth Water Services Africa LLC. He and Allen Comeskev have contributed Sustainable Wells: Maintenance, Problem Prevention, and Rehabilitation (CRC Press). He is also a coauthor of both the 1992 Australian Drilling Manual and the 1997 edition of its successor, Drilling (CRC Press), and he is a major contributor to AWWA's Manual M21. Groundwater (two editions), and ASCE's recent Hydraulics of Wells text. He is a principal author-editor of NGWA's Manual of Water Well Construction Practices, as well as a contributor to the Water Well Journal, National Driller, GeoDrilling International and other publications. Mr. Smith earned a bachelor of arts (BA) degree with majors in Biology and Earth Science from Wittenberg University in 1977 and a master of science (MS) degree from The Ohio State University in 1984.

Brian Barger Attorney, Eastman & Smith LTD

Mr. Barger's practice focuses on environmental, land use, natural resources, regulatory, and zoning law. He has experience representing clients both in court and before administrative agencies such as the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Prior work experience includes employment by companies in the mining and gas industries. Mr. Barger is a member of the National Stone Sand & Gravel Association's Council of Counsels, the Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Association, the Ohio Farm Bureau's Healthy Water Ohio work group, the Ohio Forestry Association, the Ohio Water Resources Advisory Group and the American, Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations.

John Gardella Co-Owner. CMBG3 Law

John Gardella is a co-owner of CMBG3 Law and a trial attorney with over 19 years of environmental litigation experience and over 75 cases tried to verdict. He is chair of the firm's PFAS practice group and represents companies in PFAS litigation, including class action, pollution, injury and medical monitoring cases. He represents a defendant in the AFFF MDL, as well as companies involved in PFAS litigation in state and federal courts. For his work in environmental and PFAS related matters, Mr. Gardella was recognized in 2023 as one of the top 20 environmental lawyers in Massachusetts. In addition to his litigation work, Mr. Gardella guides companies through PFAS compliance needs, including compliance with state-level product reporting obligations, TSCA and TRI reporting, and numerous other U.S. federal, state and E.U. specific PFAS regulations. He assists companies with risk assessment efforts related to PFAS, including developing diligence programs internally to minimize future compliance and litigation risks. Mr. Gardella is a frequent speaker and author on the subject of PFAS, and is regularly sought after for his thought leadership by media, including *Bloomberg*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*.

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