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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Groundwater Coordinating Committee

From: Rodney Pingree, Chair

Date: January 11, 2013

Subject: Minutes from the December 20, 2012 Meeting

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**Next Meeting:** *January 17, 2013*

**Attendees**

Dennis Nealon, ANR DEC Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division; Rodney Pingree, ANR DEC Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection; Liz Royer, Vermont Rural Water Association; Larry Becker, ANR DEC Division of Geology and Mineral Resources; Eric Hanson, Leggette, Brashears, & Graham; Meddie Perry, VHB Inc.; Anne Whiteley, Office of the Commissioner; Carey Hengstenberg, Waste Management and Prevention Division; Kira Jacob, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region I.

**Professional Registration for Hydrogeologist**

Meddie stated that there is draft legislation from the Professional Engineering Board with language covering tasks often performed by a hydrogeologist. With that in mind, there is some apprehension that the engineers may go beyond their areas of expertise and try to garner work typically performed by hydrogeologist.

It was mentioned that some states require professional registration of geologist. Anne stated that such registration must be based in statute. It would be similar to the licensing of designers and well drillers. The purpose of professional registration is to license and provide discipline along defining the area of expertise said Anne. Once licensed, the licensing authority may be able to revoke someone's license.

Anne suggested coming up with a list of areas of hydrogeological expertise. These areas may generally include waste management, wastewater, and water supply. Meddie offered to provide a list for the next meeting.