

# NEFCO

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## MEETING NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

#### Executive Committee

The Natatorium  
Hopewell Room  
2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

#### **A. Public comments**

#### **B. September meeting summary (attached)**

#### **C. Discussion Item**

1. "Summit County's Surface Water Management District: Background, Purpose, Regulations, and Projects"; David L. Koontz, PE, SI, Engineering Project Manager, and Stephanie Deibel, CPESC – SCE SWMD Stormwater Specialist; Summit County Engineer's Office

#### **D. NEFCO FY2025 Work Program**

1. NEFCO Board releases the FY2025 201/208 FPA update for 30-day public comment period
2. Ohio EPA sets January 16, 2025 deadline for submittal of all NEFCO Board approved 208 Plan amendments and updates from calendar year 2024 for 2025 state certification
3. What a change analysis of GIS data received from one management agency reveals
4. Why management agencies should not have their own in-house '208 Plan' GIS database

#### **E. Reports from ERTAC members (a chance for members to report on activities or problems affecting their communities)**

#### **F. Information items (this list is provided for information only. Members can request a copy of any item) (Source: Bloomberg Environment (BE) or as otherwise noted)**

##### *Drinking Water*

1. AI speeds cities' lead pipe search with EPA deadline weeks away

##### *EPA*

2. EPA told to correct retaliation staff faced for scientific views
3. Storm-driven chemical releases should count in EPA risk analyses

##### *Flooding*

4. Mississippi landowners too late in filing flood suit, court says
5. Built-up cities get more rain than rural outskirts, study finds

##### *Climate change*

6. Speaker Johnson says GOP sweep would cut Biden's climate law

*Waters of the U.S.*

7. Biden administration “walking thin line’ in Alaska waters claim
8. Army Corps claims federal waters control over northern Alaska
9. EPA waters rule doesn’t get ‘respect’ post-Chevron, states say
10. EPA doubles down on vague water pollution limits at Supreme court

*Fracking*

11. Why fracking remains a lightning rod for controversy

Plastics pollution

12. How to reduce your exposure to microplastics
13. Consumer plastics suits persist as governments monitor effects

*Agriculture Runoff*

14. Petition over livestock waste rules meets divided Ninth Circuit Court

*Environmental Insurance*

15. Insurers hit with suit over environmental contamination coverage
16. Insurance coverage can shield policyholders in plastics lawsuits

*Landfill*

17. Ohio landfill owner sues district for rule overriding state EPA

*Air Quality*

18. Refrigerant maker fails in hydrofluorocarbon regulation challenge
19. US Steel says EPA unlawfully denied its ‘good neighbor’ petition

*Miscellaneous*

20. Environmental groups cry foul on government’s malathion opinion
21. Common law claims struck from West Virginia abandoned wells case

**G. Ohio EPA Public Notices (this list is provided for information only. Members can request a copy of any item)**

1. Early Stakeholder Outreach - Water Quality Standards; Antidegradation (OAC Chapter 3745-1); Division of Surface Water; comments due **October 9, 2024**
2. How to Obtain an Ohio EPA Letter of Support for U.S. EPA Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup (MARC) Grants; Division of Environmental Response & Revitalization
3. Proposed Rulemaking Governing Underground Injection Control; Division of Drinking and Ground Water; deadline for comments: Wednesday, October 16, 2024; in-person and virtual public hearing Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 10:30 am-11:00 am EDT.
4. Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF); Program Year 2025 Program Management Plan; Effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance; FINAL July 31, 2024
5. 2025 Recycle Ohio Grant Kick-off Webinar; Tuesday October 8, 2024 10am-11am EDT; Division of Environmental Innovation; 2025 grant cycle opens October 7, 2024, applications due December 6, 2024, project start date April 1, 2025
6. 2023 Sewer and Water Rate Survey; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance; due October 18, 2024
7. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals  
Stark Co.
  - a. Fohl Village MHP (Canton); UT to Bear Run
8. Proposed Issuance of Modification to NPDES Permit Conditions  
Stark County
  - a. Envirite of Ohio Inc (dba Republic Services); (Canton); Sherrick Run

**H. Ohio Environmental Legislation (none)**

**I. Other Business**

**J. ERTAC Contact Hour Course List**

<b>Date/Approval Code</b>	<b>Approved Audience</b>	<b>Title of the Presentation</b>	<b>Training Provider</b>	<b>No. of Contact Hours</b>
4/3/2024 S88976692-X	WW	Ohio EPA water quality surveys in: Sugar Creek and Tuscarawas River	NEFCO ERTAC	0.5
4/3/2024 B88976794-X	DW & WW	The development of a nine-element nonpoint source implementation strategy (NPS-IS) for the HUC-12 Fish Creek-Mahoning River watershed in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties and a small area in northeast Stark County, including the City of Alliance	NEFCO ERTAC	0.5
6/5/2024 S88988513-X	WW	Summit Metro Parks' recent acquisition and restoration of the Valley View area of Cascade Valley Metro Park	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
8/7/2024 D88997194-OM	DW	PFAS Rule Summary	NEFCO ERTAC	0.5
8/7/2024 D88997191-OM	DW	Tour of the City of Ravenna's Public Drinking Water Treatment Plant	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

**K. Next meeting: November 6, 2024 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**