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MEETING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

Executive Committee

The Natatorium
Hopewell Room
2345 4th Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. March meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. *"Update on Ohio EPA's most recent water quality survey work for the Tuscarawas River and Sugar Creek and select tributaries"; Bill Zawiski, Water Quality Supervisor, Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, Division of Surface Water*
2. *"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"; Stephanie Dyer, Environmental Program Manager, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments*

D. Consideration by the ERTAC of a Recommendation to the NEFCO Board

1. Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water (208) Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area and to change the existing wastewater prescription to serve the Sterling area in Milton Township in Wayne County **ACTION REQUESTED**

E. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. Ongoing annual 201/208 facilities planning area update: Data being sent by NEFCO to participating MAs
2. Ohio EPA completes its review of NEFCO's FY2025 water quality management planning contracts draft work programs
3. Venue secured for June 5th ERTAC meeting; venue still needed for August 7th meeting; input requested

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

G. 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)

Flooding

1. EPA requires industrial sites to plan for pollution from floods

Wetlands

2. Rising seas, development accelerating wetlands loss across U.S.; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report to Congress

Climate change

3. Republicans push energy rules rollback despite climate concerns

Waters of the U.S.

4. Bloomberg bill summary: H.R. 7023, Clean Water Act permitting
5. Navigable waters rule conflicts with SCOTUS ruling, suit says

PFAS

6. PFAS liability shield key to bipartisan legislation, Senator Capito says
7. Georgia city polluted entire watershed with PFAS, lawsuit says
8. 3M, Wacker must give EPA data on PFAS in textiles, furniture

EPA

9. Clean Water Act hazardous substance facility response plans; final rule
10. EPA lax in tracking Clean Water loan program, watchdog says
11. EPA launches new office for agricultural and rural communities
12. EPA proposes chemical data collection rule as more set for fall

Biden budget

13. Wind permitting, waste cleanup prioritized under Biden budget

Cybersecurity

14. US warns of cyberattacks against water systems throughout nation

Water pollution

15. Campbell Soup Company faces water pollution suits over Ohio facility discharge to Lake Erie
16. Environment groups say EPA needs to act on West Virginia waters and TMDLs

Water rights

17. Unprecedented water rights claim stokes Georgia Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge legal battle

Miscellaneous

18. Workers, consumers at risk from formaldehyde, EPA finds

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

1. Lake Erie Protection Fund Grant; deadline for grant application submittals: April 19, 2024
2. Agency Procedural Rules - Proposed to JCARR; Office of Legal Services; deadline for comments: April 19, 2024; in-person and virtual public hearing April 19, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Ohio EPA, Columbus
3. Administrative Procedures Proposed Rules (Statewide); Div. of Drinking and Ground Waters; public hearing: Friday, April 5, 2024; 10:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.; Ohio EPA Columbus
4. Section 401 Water Quality Certifications Proposed Rules – rules package (OAC Chapter 3745-32); in-person and virtual public hearing: Thursday May 9, 2024; 2:15 p.m.; State Library of Ohio, Columbus
5. Wetlands Water Quality Standards Proposed Rules – rules package; in-person and virtual public hearing: Thursday May 9, 2024; 1:30 p.m.; State Library of Ohio, Columbus
6. Ohio EPA cancels Central Ohio Rapid Growth Interim Master General Permit March 20, 2024 public meeting; Ohio EPA has chosen to withdraw the draft permit
7. Draft NPDES Permit Renewal
Summit Co.
 - a. 3960 Warehouse LLC (Norton); Wolf Creek

I. Ohio Environmental Legislation Recently Signed or Introduced (NONE)

J. Other Business

K. ERTAC Contact Hour Course List

Date/Approval Code	Approved Audience	Title of the Presentation	Training Provider	No. of Contact Hours
2/7/2024 S88956293-OM	WW	City of Massillon WWTP – Designing a Major Plant Upgrade for Nutrient Removal within Tight Site Limitations	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

L. Next meeting: May 1, 2024 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio