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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, May 1, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. April meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. “ERTAC Panel Discussion”; please share your thoughts about the following **example** topics at the meeting:
 - Priority projects and challenges your agency is facing in completing them, including:
 - An increase in the number of projects/applications for projects concurrent with an increase in available funding
 - Continued rising cost of materials (pipe, crushed stone/gravel, pumping equipment, etc.)?
 - Materials in short supply but high demand
 - Lack of contractors or contractors’ bids higher than anticipated
 - Internal staffing shortages
 - New federal [PFAS maximum contaminant levels \(MCL\) rule](#) for public water systems
 - Awareness that the H2Ohio program has been expanded to the [H2Ohio Rivers program](#)
 - Other ERTAC member priorities or projects

D. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. New Sterling Facilities Planning Area created with NEFCO Board approval on April 17th
2. Ongoing annual 201/208 facilities planning areas update: approximate number of ‘update areas’ this year, as reported by the participating management agencies
3. Clean Water (208) Plan website maintenance and updating: [interactive online 201/208 map updated](#)
4. Venue still requested for the August 7th meeting
5. DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day; **April 27th**

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)

PFAS

1. Johnson Controls' Tyco agreed to resolve PFAS claims for \$750 million
2. EPA sets US's first drinking water standards to limit toxic PFAS
3. REI defeats lawsuit over PFAS 'forever chemicals' in clothing
4. 3M's \$10 billion PFAS deal approved by court as rule looms
5. 3M, Wacker must give EPA data on PFAS in textiles, furniture

EPA

6. EPA finalizes update to wastewater discharge testing methods
7. EPA's Regan sees urgency in new rules to address climate change despite legal headwinds

Plastics

8. General Mills faces criticism over use of plastic packaging
9. New York lawmakers renew effort to reduce single-use plastics

Climate Change

10. White House activates \$20 billion climate kickstarter program

WOTUS

11. Landowner asks court to ban EPA from enforcing new WOTUS rule

Hydrogen

12. Hydrogen tax credit rules must sync with Biden's climate agenda

Air Pollution

13. 'Zombie fires' near oil and gas wells threaten Canada's drillers
14. That landfill you're ignoring? it oozes methane

Miscellaneous

15. US betting on energy shift to stem decades of disappearing farms

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

1. U.S. EPA announces Final PFAS Maximum Contaminant Levels Rule for Drinking Water
2. Proposed Water Quality Standards Rules (OAC Chapter 3745-1); Division of Surface Water; Public Hearing June 6, 2024
3. Proposed rulemaking governing the Maximum Contaminant Levels and Point-of-Entry Devices rules; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; comments are due by May 15, 2024
4. Beneficial Use Designations, Wave 3 (OAC Chapter 3745-1); Proposed Rules; Division of Surface Water; comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. June 6, 2024
5. Credible Data Rules (OAC 3745-4); Early Stakeholder Outreach; Division of Surface Water; comments due by May 15, 2024
6. Section 401 Water Quality Certifications rules package (OAC Chapter 3745-32); Proposed Rules; Division of Surface Water; comments due by May 9, 2024
7. Wetlands Water Quality Standards rules package; Proposed Rules; Division of Surface Water; comments due by May 9, 2024
8. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Portage Co.
 - a. Mantua Mobile Home Park (Mantua); Harper Ditch
 - Stark Co.
 - a. Camp Wanake WWTP (Beach City); UT to Sugar Creek
 - b. Clark and Son (Sandy Twp); UT to Nimishillen Creek
 - c. Oster Sand and Gravel Co. Inc. Massillon Plant (Massillon); Tuscarawas River
 - d. Greif Inc-Massillon Mill (Navarre); Tuscarawas River
 - Summit Co.
 - a. Top-O-Hill MHP (Akron); UT to Fox Run
 - b. Heritage Classical Academy (Peninsula); Cuyahoga River
 - c. Jadlyn Management LLC (Akron); UT of North Fork Yellow Creek
 - d. Spring Garden Waldorf School (Copley); Jacoby Ditch

- Wayne Co.
 - a. Gerbers Poultry Kidron (Kidron); UT of North Fork Sugar Creek
- 9. Proposed Revocation of NPDES Permit
 - Stark Co.
 - a. VFW Post 5047 (Navarre); Tuscarawas River
- 10. Proposed Issuance of Modification of NPDES Permit Conditions
 - Portage Co.
 - a. All Seasons MHP (Deerfield); UT to Willow Creek

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

I. Other Business

J. 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
3/6/2024 B88964682-X	DW & WW	This Winter, Use the Right S.A.L.T. (Stuff, Amount, Location, Time)	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

K. Next meeting: June 5, 2024 at Shady Hollow Lodge – Sand Run Metro Park, 1750 Sand Run Pkwy, Akron, Ohio 44313