

# NEFCO

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## MEETING NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

#### Executive Committee

**NOTE NEW  
LOCATION**

Mingo Lodge  
Sand Run Metro Park  
1501 Sand Run Pkwy  
Akron, Ohio 44313

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LOCATION**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

#### A. Public comments

#### B. May meeting summary (attached)

#### C. Discussion Item

1. **“Summit Metro Parks’ recent acquisition and restoration of the Valley View area of Cascade Valley Metro Park”**; Mike Johnson, Chief of Conservation, Summit Metro Parks

#### D. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. Ongoing annual 201/208 facilities planning areas update; status: **June 26<sup>th</sup> update submittal deadline** quickly approaching for participating management agencies
2. NEFCO’s two water quality management planning contracts with Ohio EPA; status
3. City of Akron’s requested fourth amendment to the federal Consent Decree; status
4. Save the date: July 3<sup>rd</sup> ERTAC meeting to include presentation on *“Regulatory Updates to the Clean Water Act – Ohio Wetlands Law and Compliance”* by Michael Liptak, PhD, Certified Senior Ecologist, EnviroScience, Inc.

#### 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)

##### *EPA*

1. Two unions challenge EPA’s chemical risk evaluation rule
2. Chemical maker launches suit against EPA’s chloroprene rules
3. EPA’s ‘impossible’ water standards must go, business groups urge
4. Permitting rule’s promise of speedy reviews met with skepticism
5. San Francisco sewage discharge flouts clean water law, feds say
6. EPA proposes to cancel almost all uses of pesticide acephate
7. Formaldehyde exposure warrants broader review, advisers tell EPA

## *PFAS*

8. BASF agrees to pay \$316.5 million to resolve PFAS claims
9. Tough PFAS drinking water standards add major compliance burden
10. New PFAS designation expected to spark rise in superfund sites
11. Former HUD Secretary Fudge joins Taft to combat forever chemicals
12. Aviation bill's PFAS grants praised, but execs urge more effort

## *Climate Change*

13. Supreme Court should prevent flood of state climate change torts
14. Climate change is affecting brain health, study finds
15. Do you want the good or bad news on tornadoes?
16. Use the power of pricing to stop climate change: editorial
17. NYC budget will consider climate impacts of spending
18. Fight climate change with stronger fiscal discipline: editorial

## *Lead Pipe Replacement*

19. EPA using unverified data to allot lead pipe replacement funding
20. EPA sends \$3 billion to states for lead water pipe replacement

## *Conservation Easements*

21. Judges chide parties in conservation easement fight
22. Farmers with easements given safe harbor under wetlands rule

## *Wetlands Protection*

23. Colorado becomes first state to restore wetlands protections
24. North Carolina landowner aims wetlands lawsuit at supreme court

## *Watershed Protection*

25. US needs more than \$630 billion by 2042 to keep watersheds clean

## *Combined Animal Feedlot Operations*

26. Green groups seek to 'micromanage' feeding regulations, EPA says

## *Farm Bill*

27. SNAP, climate emerge as battlegrounds for next Farm Bill renewal
28. House Republicans eye shift to conservation funds in Farm Bill

## *Lake Erie Algae*

29. Ohio city, advocacy group sue EPA over Lake Erie algae pollution

## *Oil and Gas Drilling*

30. \$215 trillion to save planet is a bargain: Gongloff & Denning
31. Trump and big oil are match made in climate hell
32. Fossil fuel companies can't narrow Pennsylvania pollution suit
33. Ohio Utica shale drilling dispute remanded to lower court

## *Battery Recycling*

34. Battery recycling shatters myth of electric vehicle waste

## *Plastics Pollution*

35. Three ways to solve growing plastics pollution

## *Building Demolition*

36. Can the \$8.7 billion demolition industry get a green makeover?

## *Norfolk Southern East Palestine Settlement*

37. Norfolk Southern settles US claims on Ohio train derailment

## *Miscellaneous*

38. Gas stove makers fail to defeat class actions over emissions

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

1. Water Quality Parameters Reporting Tool in eDrinking Water Reports (eDWR); Div. of Drinking and Ground Waters; starting July 1, 2024
2. Service Line Inventory Assistance Program; Div. of Drinking and Ground Waters; request forms accepted until June 28, 2024

3. Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program Application; request for comments; Division of Surface Water; comments due by July 27, 2024
4. New implementation of Water Quality Standards rule; (OAC Chapter 3745-2); Div. of Surface Water; comments due July 29, 2024; Early Stakeholder Outreach
5. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant Proposal - request for comments; Div. of Surface Water; comments due July 22, 2024
6. Preferred Plan for the Former Rubber City Sand and Gravel Site; Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization; public meeting July 18, 2024; Firestone Park Community Center; Fact Sheet and Preferred Plan available
7. Draft NPDES Permit Renewal  
Summit Co.
  - a. Tri-County Concrete Co Inc. (Twinsburg); Tinkers Creek
8. Proposed Revocation of NPDES Permit  
Portage Co.
  - a. Synthomer Inc. (Mogadore); Wingfoot Lake Outlet  
Stark Co.
    - a. Navarre VFW Memorial Post 5047 (Navarre)

**H. Ohio Environmental Legislation Introduced (link provided in red)**

1. THE CLEAN OHIO FUND AND PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION, [HB 519](#): To restore the Clean Ohio Fund to be administered by the Department of Development and the Clean Ohio Council.
2. ENACT THE LEAD LINE REPLACEMENT ACT, [HB 534](#): To establish a program regarding lead service line replacement and to name this act the Lead Line Replacement Act.
3. REQUIRE CERTAIN DISCLOSURES FOR WELL DRILLING IN STATE PARKS, [HB 562](#): To require horizontal oil and gas well owners that drill in state parks to disclose the chemical components of the materials used in the drilling operation.

**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
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

**K. Next meeting: July 3, 2024 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**