

# 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, July 3, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### A. Public comments

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

#### C. Discussion Item

1. “Regulatory Updates to the Clean Water Act – Ohio Wetlands Law and Compliance”; Michael Liptak, PhD, Certified Senior Ecologist, EnviroScience, Inc.

#### D. NEFCO FY2025 Work Program

1. Ongoing annual 201/208 FPA update progress report and next steps in FY2025, after the June 26<sup>th</sup> update submittal deadline (see attached memo)
2. 208 Plan updates approved by the NEFCO Board from March 2023 through December 2023, submitted to Ohio EPA on December 27, 2023 for state certification; status
3. NEFCO receives fully executed FY2025 water quality management planning contracts from Ohio EPA, allowing its contractual work to begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>, as intended
4. Governor DeWine awards more than \$2 million in [H2Ohio grants](#) for public drinking water distribution system equipment, including over \$125,000 to NEFCO region communities
5. Save the date: August 7<sup>th</sup> ERTAC meeting to include tour of the City of Ravenna’s public drinking water system by Superintendent Amy Wilson and PFAS MCLs discussion by Allen Tyler, Ohio EPA Northeast District Office

#### 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)

##### *Sustainability*

1. White House rewards agencies’ sustainability work in market push

##### *Wetlands*

2. Sackett ruling leaves wetlands unprotected, state officials warn

3. EPA lacked cause to unilaterally amend wetland rules, U.S. District Court told
4. White House Council on Environmental Quality calls on states to save wetlands after high court ruling

*PFAS*

5. PFAS drinking water limits praised but more regulations sought
6. PFAS filtration plant shows costs, challenge of water treatment
7. US chamber challenges EPA's PFAS superfund rule in D.C. Circuit Court
8. Natural toothpaste maker RiseWell hit with PFAS false-ad suit
9. Diaper maker says false-ad suit over PFAS should get tossed
10. Coca-Cola wins dismissal in PFAS simply tropical juice suit
11. PFAS legal liability risks and burdens point to more settlements
12. Appeals court agrees groups' PFAS petition not subject to review

*Drinking water*

13. Utilities prepare for high costs under proposed lead pipe rule
14. Environmental services company deal in Flint water case gets judge's initial approval
15. EPA proposes water system restructuring for repeat violators

*Water quality standards*

16. Environmental group requests EPA action on water quality rules
17. Environmental groups hit with setback in water standards suit

*FEMA*

18. US tools to fight extreme heat debated as FEMA pressured to act

*EPA*

19. EPA watchdog warns of fraud risks throughout funding chain

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

1. POTW Treatment Studies for Total Phosphorus Optimization in the Lake Erie Basin; request for proposals; Div. of Surface Water; Applications are due by September 16, 2024
2. Refiling (June 21, 2024) of Section 401 Water Quality Certifications rule 3745-32-04; Div. of Surface Water
3. Multi-watershed Bacteria TMDL Project Draft Loading Analysis Plan; Div. of Surface Water; comment deadline is 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2024
4. Draft 2025 WSRLA Program Management Plan (PMP); Div. of Environmental and Financial Assistance; comment deadline: July 22, 2024
5. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
  - Summit County
    - a. Ghent Square Ltd (Bath); Yellow Creek
    - b. Akron-Canton Regional Airport (North Canton); Zimber Ditch, Willowdale Lake
6. Proposed Issuance of Modification to NPDES Permit Conditions
  - Portage County
    - a. Windham WWTP (Windham); South Fork Eagle Creek
7. Proposed Revocation of NPDES Permit
  - Summit County
    - a. Copley Fairlawn High Sch (Copley); unnamed tributary to Pigeon Creek
    - b. Marathon Pipe Line LLC Clinton Station (Clinton); Pancake Creek
    - c. Portage Lakes State Park (Akron); Turkey Foot Lake
  - Wayne County
    - a. El Rancho Grande (Wooster); UT of Apple Creek

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

1. 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.
2. THE CREATION OF WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, HB 616: To allow for the creation of water improvement districts and to declare an emergency.

**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>
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: August 7, 2024 at the Lake Hodgson Lodge, 5089 Lakewood Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 (across the street from 5094 Lakewood Road)**