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MEETING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

Executive Committee

**NOTE NEW
LOCATION**
See attached map

Lake Hodgson Lodge
5089 Lakewood Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
(across the street from 5094 Lakewood Road)

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LOCATION**
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Wednesday, August 7, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. July meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. "PFAS Rule Summary"; Allen Tyler, Environmental Supervisor and Krista Vidacs, Environmental Specialist II; Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
2. "Tour of the City of Ravenna's Public Drinking Water Treatment Plant"; by Amy Wilson, Superintendent and Dan Mounts, Chemist and Chief Operator; Ravenna Water Treatment Plant (to follow brief meeting)

D. NEFCO FY2025 Work Program

1. Current annual 201/208 facilities planning areas update; status of final draft mapping by NEFCO staff
2. Website maintenance and updating being done in preparation for public notification of the FY2025 201/208 FPA update

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)

Chevron/U.S. Supreme Court

1. Courts show little interest in Skidmore decision as a Chevron alternative
2. EPA defends good neighbor ozone rule enforcement post-Chevron
3. Biden stays course on hundreds of regulations after Chevron
4. U.S. Supreme Court skips challenge to EPA Clean Water Act authority
5. Chevron death puts agencies on notice for tougher legal brawls
6. Landmark Supreme Court rulings curb Federal overreach on wetlands, North Carolina landowner Argues

Wetlands/Sackett

7. Kentucky Clean Water Act loss reversed with doubts after Sackett
8. Wetlands needn't be wet, EPA claims in waters rule defense
9. Most river water comes from unprotected streams post-Sackett

Water Pollution

10. San Francisco Bay pollution suit shouldn't wait, group urges
11. New Jersey polluted water suits tossed over 'lack of contract'
12. Houston has 154,000-gallon sewage spill after power outage

PFAS

13. Environmental groups sue EPA over PFAS in plastic containers
14. EPA recommends states monitor PFAS in locally caught edible fish
15. Amazon's sustainability chief: 'we have to act now' on climate
16. EPA's 'forever chemicals' rule at risk without Chevron deference

Drinking Water

17. Despite mandate, Chicago lead pipe replacement is 50 years away
18. Dairy facilities polluting underground drinking water, suit says

WOTUS

19. Kentucky challenge to former WOTUS rule meets skeptical panel

Plastics

20. Industry rules needed for 'eco-friendly' plastics, report warns
21. Nestle's recycling switch highlights world's plastic pollution

Climate change

22. Crop insurance won't let some U.S. farmers adapt to climate change
23. China renews call for trillions in climate funds for poor states (countries)
24. Where Harris and potential running mates stand on climate change
25. EPA's climate indicators report details worsening US impacts

Public Health

26. Public health emergency acts streamline Texas disaster response

Air Pollution

27. Old king coal remains omnipotent and omnipresent

Oil and Gas Exploration

28. Harris backs off fracking ban as GOP campaigns on past position
29. Trump vow to 'drill, baby, drill' collides with industry caution
30. Vance's scorn for clean energy grew as Ohio embraced it

Hurricane Beryl

31. Hurricane Beryl's cascade of crises was sign of storms to come

Endangered Species

32. Endangered Species Act protections draw new legal focus post-Chevron
33. Tire companies lose effort to pause endangered species lawsuit

EPA

34. Industry wins first case fighting EPA's chemical test authority

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

1. Brownfield Services and Grant Readiness 101 webinar; **August 6**, 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; free but registration required
2. Brownfields Grant Writing Strategies webinar; **August 7 & 8**, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; free but registration required
3. Proposed Rulemaking Governing Administrative Penalties; Div. of Ground and Drinking Waters; deadline for comments: August 23, 2024; in person and virtual public hearing: August 23, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
4. Interested Party Review; Asset Management Program; Div. of Ground and Drinking Waters; deadline for comments: August 12, 2024

5. Early Stakeholder Outreach; Source Monitoring Requirements; Div. of Ground and Drinking Waters; deadline for comments: August 11, 2024
6. Early Stakeholder Outreach; Laboratory Certification; Div. of Ground and Drinking Waters; deadline for comments: August 11, 2024
7. POTW Treatment Studies for Total Phosphorus Optimization in the Lake Erie Basin; request for proposals (RFP); Div. of Surface Water; Applications due date: Sept. 16, 2024
8. Interested Party Review; Water Quality Standards Cuyahoga River drainage basin rule (OAC 3745-1-26); Div. of Surface Water; deadline for comments: August 30, 2024
9. Draft Rules; Stormwater Rules (OAC chapter 3745-39); Div. of Surface Water; deadline for comments: August 22, 2024
10. Draft Rule; Water Quality Standards Variances Rule (OAC 3745-1-38); Div. of Surface Water; deadline for comments: August 23, 2024
11. Div. of Sustainability and Environmental Health; learn about Ohio EPA's newest Division
12. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Portage Co.
 - a. Mantua Twp Trustees; (Mantua); Black Brook Ditch
 - Summit Co.
 - a. Firehouse Grille & Pub; (Akron); Tuscarawas River
 - b. NuVue; (Richfield); tributary North Fork into Yellow Creek
 - Wayne Co.
 - a. Riceland WWTP; (Wooster); Little Sugar Creek

H. Ohio Environmental Legislation Signed by the Governor (link provided in red)

1. CUSTOMER-OWNED WATER SERVICE LINES REPLACEMENT COSTS, **HB 226**: To permit water-works companies to bear the costs for replacing certain customer-owned water service lines.
2. DESIGNATION OF WILD, SCENIC, AND RECREATIONAL RIVERS, **SB 156**: To revise the law governing the designation of wild, scenic, and recreational rivers and to revise boating law to encourage boating safety.

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
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

K. Next meeting: September 4, 2024 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio