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MEETING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

NEW LOCATION

**DIRECTIONS
ARE ATTACHED**

Executive Committee

**City of Cuyahoga Falls
Downtown Pavilion
2085 Front Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**

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**(Free parking is available in the public parking deck across from the pavilion)
(Street parking is NOT free)**

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

- A. Public comments**
- B. October meeting summary (attached)**
- C. Discussion Item**
 - 1. “Current Hot Environmental Topics”; ERTAC members will be asked to engage in a discussion on each topic shown on the attached list.**
- D. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program**
 - 1. 208 Plan Chapter 3 update; state certification; status
 - 2. Annual Areawides’ submission of 208 Plan amendments and updates for the next state certification; timeline
 - 3. 208 Plan update by Ohio EPA for counties out of the 6 Areawides’ regions; status
 - 4. Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative project on sewerage and unsewered areas data collection and mapping; status
 - 5. Portage Lakes Management Study-Phase 6; status
 - 6. Ohio Water and Sewer Infrastructure Grant program (as created by HB 168); status
- 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) (Bloomberg Environment (BE) or as indicated)**
 - PFAS**
 - 1. ‘Forever Chemical’ water limits unduly late, EPA admits; BE
 - 2. Kroger drops compostable claim to settle PFAS lawsuit; BE
 - 3. The doctor will see the PFAS-exposed plaintiff now; BE
 - Environmental Justice**
 - 4. Existing laws offer environmental justice tools, official says; BE
 - 5. Asbestos still kills: time for a total ban in the U.S.; BE

Trump Waters of the U.S. rule

6. Court vacates Trump-era clean water rule while it's under review; BE
7. SCOTUS skeptical of Mississippi claims in water dispute ; BE
8. New Mexico judge follows Arizona, tosses Trump water rule ; BE

Fracking

9. California County loses bid to reinstate fracking ban on appeal ; BE
10. Fracking Is going electric and not everyone is impressed ; BE

Factory Farms

11. Wisconsin industrial farm to pay \$55,000 in water pollution case ; BE
12. Groups want EPA to scrap air agreement on factory farm pollution ; BE

Misc.

13. California County facing lawsuit over sewer system pollution ; BE
14. Developer beats appeal in tree-clearing order takings case; BE

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

1. Proposed amendments to OAC Chapter 3745-34 underground injection wells; Drinking and Ground Waters; deadline for comments November 22, 2021
2. GIS mapping tool for property revitalization/Voluntary Action Program
3. Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) 2020 Annual Report
4. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Stark Co.
 - a. Magnolia Village MHP (Waynesburg); Sandy Creek
 - b. Former Trump Road School (East Canton); unnamed trib. East Branch of Nimishillen CreekWayne Co.
 - a. Ohio Farms Packing Co. (Creston); Killbuck Creek
 - b. Smithville WWTP (Smithville); Sugar Creek
 - c. Smithville Western Ltd., Care Center (Wooster); unnamed trib. Sugar 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
6/2/2021 S88683473-OM	WW	"Storm Water Program Overview and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit Updates"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
7/7/2021 B88693074-X	DW & WW	"Protecting the Ohio River Basin Watershed"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
8/4/2021 D88704149-OM	DW & WW	"Investigating Water Well Problems and Options for Rehabilitation"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
9/1/2021 S88710968-OM	WW	"City of Canton Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Tour"	NEFCO ERTAC	2.0

K. Next meeting: December 1, 2021 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Current Hot Environmental Topics

- Proposed HB 385: Are the current Ohio EPA regulations adequate for addressing a municipality/county that falsifies its data submittals to OEPA?
- Is there a need for legislation covering some other regional environmental matter?
- PFAS – Should there be a USEPA drinking water standard? What are the issues and impacts of such a standard?
- Stormwater – What are the burning issues here?
- Land application of septage and other waste: What are the issues?
- CAFOs in the region and their management: What are the issues?
- Availability of federal and state funding for wastewater/water: Are there issues? How is the increase in funding affecting the region? Should NEFCO be doing something to assist its members?
- Deep well injection: What are the issues?
- Availability of qualified professionals in the water/wastewater field: Is there a shortage; why or why not?
- Recycling: Is this an issue in the region? Has it increased/decreased during the pandemic? Why or why not?
- Other: Suggestions from ERTAC members