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MEETING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

**NOTE
LOCATION**

Executive Committee

The Natatorium
Hopewell Room
2345 4th Street
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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LOCATION**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. November meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion Item
 - 1. "Responding and Mitigating Harmful Algal Blooms in Ohio"; Speaker: Ruth Briland, Ph.D., State HAB Specialist, Ohio EPA Central Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Emerging Contaminants Section
- D. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program
 - 1. Website maintenance and updating: Demonstration of NEFCO's new website and 208 Plan webpage
 - 2. 208 Plan Chapter 3, draft Policy 3-6a/3-6b; status
 - 3. Differences between a 208 Plan Facilities Planning Area (FPA) amendment versus an update (to be clarified in draft Policy 3-6a/3-6b)
 - 4. 208 Plan amendments approved June 2020 through November 2021 submitted to Ohio EPA for state certification
 - 5. Canal Diversion Dam Removal Project; 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. Minnesota industries asked to monitor for PFAS contamination; BE
 - 2. Proposed PFAS limit in Pennsylvania stricter than EPA's advisory; BE
 - 3. Michigan Governor orders scrutiny of PFAS in state purchases; BE
 - 4. 3M to pay \$12 million to settle Alabama water contamination suit; BE
 - Trump Waters of the U.S. Rule
 - 5. State attorneys want Biden to further undo Trump's NEPA rule; BE
 - 6. Keep Trump water rule in place pending appeal, states tell court; BE
 - 7. Decision on Trump rule clears way for Clean Water Act revision; BE

Lead/Drinking Water

8. Michigan, Whitmer sued over Benton Harbor lead-tainted water; BE
9. Judge gives final nod to \$626 million Flint water settlement; BE

Climate Change

10. Candidates for local office in U.S. are 'running on the climate'; BE

Flooding

11. State lawmakers get far-flung help to pass environmental bills; BE

Miscellaneous

12. Michigan flood victims lose bid to hold government liable for dam; BE

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

1. HB 168 funding; status for the NEFCO region
2. Ohio EPA DEFA's Draft Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program Management Plan (PMP) released; deadline for comments: December 2, 2021
3. Approximately \$10 million in Drinking Water Assistance Funds available through Ohio EPA DEFA with 'principal forgiveness' to address lead service line replacement; deadline for project nominations: January 31, 2022
4. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Portage Co.
 - a. Gionino's Pizza (Edinburg); West Branch of Mahoning River
 - b. Oscar Brugmann Sand and Gravel (Mantua); unnamed tributary to Cuyahoga River
 - Summit Co.
 - a. Budget Inn (Hudson); tributary of Boston Run
 - b. General Die Casters Inc. (Peninsula); unnamed tributary to Cuyahoga River
 - c. St. Luke Portage Lakes (Akron); Portage Lakes
 - Wayne Co.
 - a. Glendora Health Care Center (Wooster); unnamed tributary of Spring Creek Run
 - b. ODOT Rest Area 3-36 (West Salem); unnamed tributary to Muddy Fork
 - c. The Den Corp. (Wooster); Killbuck Creek
5. Proposed Revocation of NPDES Permit
 - Portage Co.
 - a. Zenith Energy Terminals (Aurora); Tinkers Creek via ditch
6. Proposed Issuance of Modification of Pretreatment Program
 - Summit Co.
 - a. City of Twinsburg WWTP (Twinsburg); Tinkers Creek

H. Ohio Environmental Legislation Recently Signed or Introduced (link provided in red)

1. DEREGULATE CERTAIN EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES, [HB 175](#): To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws; status
2. PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, [HB 464](#): To eliminate public water system asset management program requirements and to require the Director of Environmental Protection to rescind rules governing that program; status
3. PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECTS, [SB 19](#): To modify the law regarding property taxation and sales and use tax; status
4. EPA CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE BROWNFIELD LOCATIONS, [SB 83](#): To require the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study to determine where brownfield sites are located in this state and to make an appropriation; status

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
10/6/21 S88726956-OM	WW	"A 'Dam' Good Tale" (Canal Diversion Dam Removal)	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

K. Next meeting: January 5, 2022 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio