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MEETING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC) AGENDA

Executive Committee

Video-conference meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Conference ID: 550 482 269#

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. March meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion Item
 - 1. **"Ohio's Source Water Assessment Program: Where it Began, Where it is Today, and Where it will be Tomorrow;" James Fisher, Geologist-Environmental Specialist 2, Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP) Coordinator, Ohio EPA-NEDO Division of Drinking and Ground Waters**
- D. NEFCO FY2021 Work Program
 - 1. 208 Plan Chapter 3 update; status of state certification
 - 2. 208 Plan Chapter 3, Policy 3-6a and 3-6b
 - Staff writing short guidance sections to help remove ambiguity from existing criteria
 - Memo sent to management agencies; comments received and staff's responses
 - Next steps
 - 3. 208 Plan draft Chapter 4; status
 - 4. Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 5
 - Next PLMS partners virtual meeting scheduled for April 22nd
- 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)*)
PFAS
 - 1. Products containing PFOA need warnings, California agency says; BE
 - 2. Minnesota seeks aid to clean up PFAS in closed landfills; BE
 - 3. California may regulate 'forever' chemicals in water before EPA; BE
 - 4. Solvay must face New Jersey residents' PFAS pollution claims; BE
 - 5. 3M, Georgia town sued over PFAS sludge in water, on farms; BE
 - 6. 3M, Chemours must face N.J. residents' PFAS pollution claims; BE

7. EPA must order Chemours to study PFAS effects, new suit says; BE
8. FDA lists PFAS in cosmetics as advocates plan legislative push; BE
USEPA
9. Regan vows to stand by states' rights in environmental policy; BE
10. New EPA Chief Regan vows assault on environmental injustice; BE
11. Regan says EPA will look again at Science Advisory Committees; BE
12. EPA Chief says enforcement starts with science-based rules; BE
13. Regan pledges during swearing-in to mend EPA staff relationships; BE
President Biden
14. Biden's infrastructure plans could take lessons from FEMA; BE
15. Biden is betting his whole climate agenda on infrastructure; BE
16. Battle lines drawn on bipartisan path for infrastructure package; BE
17. Climate change website deleted by Trump is rebooted under Biden; BE
Drinking Water
18. States challenge EPA's lead and copper rule in federal court; BE
19. Serial objectors target \$202 million Flint water attorney's fees; BE
20. Judge denies Governor Snyder bid to quash Flint criminal charges; BE
21. Water authorities seek Senate aid for 'unseen crisis' of costs; BE
Miscellaneous
22. Travelers Insurance free of \$5 million Ohio wastewater cleanup claim; BE
23. Gas producer to pay penalty for ignoring wetlands in Pennsylvania well plans; BE
24. House water bill seeks to help tribes, minority neighborhoods; BE

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

1. "Opportunities and Challenges of Drinking Water and Wastewater Regionalization in Your Community"; April 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
2. "Out of compliance with your NPDES permit?" Get on-site help from the Compliance Assistance Unit; April 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Encouraging Environmental Excellence Programs
4. Webinar Continuing Education Units Information
5. Draft NPDES Permit
Stark Co.
 - a. Alpine Diary (Wilmot)
6. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Portage Co.
 - a. P&M Mobile Home Park (Garrettsville); Mahoning Creek Summit Co.
 - a. Huntsman Advanced Materials Americas (Akron); Sweitzer Creek Wayne Co.
 - a. Lake Harmony Subdivision (Dalton); Sugar Creek

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

1. OHIO'S DRAINAGE LAWS, HB 340: To revise the state's drainage laws.
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 2021
2. FIREFIGHTING FOAM FOR TESTING/TRAINING, HB 158: To prohibit the use of Class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals for testing and training purposes.
3. EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES, HB 175: To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws.
4. EPA TO 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.

I. Other Business

J. ERTAC Contact Hour Course List

| Date/Approval Code | Approved Audience | Title of the Presentation | Training Provider | No. of Contact Hours |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2/3/2021 B88651211-OM | DW & WW | “Ohio EPA’s recent and planned water quality assessments, attainment status reports, and TMDLs for the NEFCO region's subbasins” | NEFCO ERTAC | 1.0 |
| 3/3/2021 Not eligible to submit | DW & WW | “Innovative Vegetation Technologies to Improve Water Quality (Prairie Seedings and Cover Crops)” | NEFCO ERTAC | |

K. Next meeting: May 5, 2021 via Microsoft Teams