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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: 760 357 850#

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

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

- A. Public comments**
- B. May meeting summary (attached)**
- C. Discussion Item**
 - 1. **“Storm Water Program Overview and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit Updates”**; Dan Bogoevski, Ohio EPA-NEDO, Division of Surface Water
- D. NEFCO FY2021 Work Program**
 - 1. 208 Plan Chapter 3, Policy 3-6a and 3-6b; status of draft revised Policy
 - Results of staff’s discussions with some of the larger management agencies
 - Potential timeline for completion of final draft revised Policy (attached)
 - 2. NEFCO Board approves Amendment to the Clean Water Plan for Ravenna FPA
 - 3. Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 5
 - Edited draft of the Portage Lakes Management Plan sent to PLMS partners on May 10th for NEFCO staff/partners internal review and comments
 - NEFCO staff to incorporate comments received at the PLMS partners meeting on May 27th into the final edited draft of the Management Plan
 - Final edited draft to be sent to partners in mid-June
 - Next PLMS partners meeting to be held in late-June prior to ERTAC review and release of the final draft Management Plan for public comment
 - 4. FY2022 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA
 - NEFCO is awaiting execution of the contracts by Ohio EPA’s Division of Surface Water
- 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. California advances ban on 'forever chemicals' in kids' products; BE
2. EPA adds PFAS substances to database to show treatment options; BE
3. Pipelines may need new cyber rules, Biden's energy chief says; BE
4. PFAS action act would reinforce, accelerate current priorities; BE
5. Vermont bill banning PFAS from consumer products signed into law; BE
6. 3M, Saint-Gobain must face New York residents' PFAS injury claims; BE
7. DuPont appeals judgment in \$40 Million PFAS injury case; BE

Drinking Water

8. Flint water lawsuits pave way for midland dam flood victims; BE
9. Michigan to sell bonds to finance flint water settlement; BE

Stormwater/Flooding

10. Ohio county must update storm water management program; BE
11. Michigan dairy farm penalized for stormwater, waste violations; BE
12. Governor DeSantis signs \$100 million Florida flood prevention legislation; BE

Infrastructure

13. Biden directs \$1 billion for severe weather preparedness; BE
14. Lawmakers start filling in gaps in Biden's infrastructure plan; BE
15. Texas set to ban griddy-like electricity plans after blackouts; BE
16. Concrete still a barrier to climate-friendly infrastructure plan; BE

Hacking

17. Pipeline hack exposes brutal vise of cyber-era extortion schemes; BE
18. Biden energy chief says U.S. 'utterly vulnerable' to hackers; BE
19. The pipeline crisis is over, cue the lobbyists and their agendas; BE

EPA

20. EPA's Regan lays out vision of collaboration with industry; BE
21. EPA continues pre-Biden office moves, frustrating employees; BE
22. Administrator Regan tells EPA employees to continue working from home; BE
23. Andrew Wheeler, former EPA boss, charts a new course; BE

Waters of the U.S./Clean Water Act

24. EPA seeks durable waters definition, nominee tells Senate panel; BE
25. SCOTUS Clean Water Act ruling doesn't change Long Island parks dispute; BE

CAFO

26. Cattle feedlot beats fish death fine, God's heavy rain to blame; BE

Misc.

27. Environmental groups challenge Trump-era Colorado fracking plan; BE
28. United by geography, Senators cross aisle to help agriculture; BE
29. It's 2021—Do you know where your employees are? ; BE
30. Trump EPA failed to track emergency Covid funds, watchdog says; BE

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

1. "In Your Community" webinar on "Regulation and Funding of Household Sewage Treatment Systems in Ohio"; June 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA)
2. "In Your Community" webinar but this time on "Managing Contaminated Sites in Your Community"; June 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Ohio EPA DEFA
3. Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Update
 - a. May 20th public hearing held for updates from five (5) Areawide Planning Agencies (including NEFCO); written comments deadline **May 27, 2021**

4. Draft FY2022 Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program Management Plan; comments deadline June 16, 2021
5. USEPA agrees to remove “Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae” impairment designation from the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern
6. Draft rules – Biocriteria Narrative; Water Quality Standards (OAC Rule 3745-1-07) and Water Quality Standards Implementation (OAC Rule 3745-2-03); comments deadline: June 18, 2021
7. Draft Indirect Discharge Permit Renewal
Portage Co.
 - a. Mantaline Corp. (Mantua); Mantua POTW
8. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Portage Co.
 - a. Kent Water Reclamation Facility (Kent); Cuyahoga River Stark Co.
 - a. The Whiskey Bar and Grill (Louisville); unnamed trib. of East Branch Nimishillen Creek Wayne Co.
 - a. Koenig’s Korner (West Salem); unnamed trib. to Muddy Fork

I. 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; proponent and opponent testimony given.
2. SALE OF BRINE FROM OIL / GAS OPERATIONS AS A COMMODITY, **HB 282**: To establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt that commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine.
3. SALE OF BRINE FROM OIL OR GAS OPERATIONS AS A COMMODITY, **SB 171**: To establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt that commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine.
4. ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNTY SEWER DISCOUNTED RATES, **SB 180**: To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges.

H. Other Business

I. 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	
4/7/21 Not eligible to submit	DW & WW	”Ohio’s Source Water Assessment Program: Where it Began, Where it is Today, and Where it will be Tomorrow”	NEFCO ERTAC	

J. Next meeting: July 7, 2021 via Microsoft Teams