

# NEFCO

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## MEETING NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

#### Executive Committee

Video-conference meeting via Microsoft Teams

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+1 872-239-6205 United States, Chicago (Toll)  
(Toll charged only if landline is used to connect)  
Conference ID: 670 266 749#

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

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

- A. Public comments
- B. June meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion Item
  1. ***“Protecting the Ohio River Basin Watershed;”*** Richard Harrison, P.E., Executive Director, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO)
- D. **NEFCO FY2022 Work Program**
  1. 208 Plan Chapter 3, draft Policy 3-6a and 3-6b; status
    - Progress report on draft Policy
    - NEFCO staff and ERTAC Policy subcommittee to meet directly after this meeting to discuss the subcommittee’s possible endorsement of the draft Policy
  2. Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 6
    - NEFCO staff is incorporating suggested technical edits received at the June 24<sup>th</sup> partners meeting into the draft management plan
    - Current, on-going, and upcoming PLMS -- Phase 6 activities
    - Next PLMS partners meeting to be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>
  3. Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative project on sewer and unsewered areas data collection
    - Initial call for sewer line data from the management agencies
    - Initial call for priority areas for needed sewer connections or HSTS upgrades from the health districts
  4. Canal Diversion Dam Removal Project
    - Friends of the Crooked River to give an overview of the project, status report, and final steps at the August 4<sup>th</sup> ERTAC meeting
  5. FY2022 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA
    - NEFCO is awaiting execution of the contracts by Ohio EPA
  6. Future ERTAC meetings to be held in person; details to be discussed at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting

7. Election of ERTAC Chair and Vice Chair; if interested in running please contact Tom LaPlante

**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. Wisconsin National Guard Base contaminated with PFAS, suit says; BE
2. Calls to strip 'forever chemicals' from cosmetics get louder; BE
3. U.S. Senate committee holds hearing on PFAS contamination; Northeast-Midwest Institute
4. 3M, Wolverine unable to shake Michigan PFAS nuisance allegations; BE
5. California 'forever chemical' compostables ban advances; BE

*Water*

6. New water wars are coming to the American west; BE
7. Senate confirms Radhika Fox to head EPA's Office of Water; Northeast-Midwest Institute; BE

*EPA*

8. Sewer overflow and stormwater reuse municipal grants program (March 2021)
9. Admin. Wheeler mishandled water dispute, ex-EPA official says in book; BE

*Environmental Justice*

10. Former EPA boss didn't prove Wheeler defamed him, court rules; BE
11. EPA head details plans for new environmental justice officials; BE
12. Environmental justice 'finding voice,' if not votes, in states; BE
13. Environmental justice push needs local focus, faith leaders say; BE

*Waters of the U.S.*

14. South Carolina town's growth seeks to outrace EPA waters rule; BE

*Climate Change*

15. How climate change might be threatening the future of apples; BE

*Miscellaneous*

16. Pennsylvania GOP Senators blocked from challenging fracking ban; BE
17. Lead, copper rule roundtables coming to Flint, D.C., Newark; BE
18. Trump Administration rule easing environmental review upheld; 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 "What's New for '22 in Ohio's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Program"; July 20th, from 2:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA)
2. Maumee Watershed Nutrient TMDL Project; comments being accepted on Steps 1 and 2; comment deadline Friday, July 9, 2021
3. Draft rules – Biocriteria Narrative; Water Quality Standards (OAC Rule 3745-1-07) and Water Quality Standards Implementation (OAC Rule 3745-2-03); comments deadline EXTENDED: July 19, 2021
4. Ohio releases updated response strategy for Harmful Algal Blooms in recreational waters
5. Proposed revocation of NPDES permit  
Portage Co.
  - a. Aurora Shores WWTP No. 29 (Reminderville); Pond Brook

- 6. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
  - Stark Co.
    - a. Molly Stark Hospital WWTP (Louisville); unnamed trib. of East Branch Nimishillen
    - b. Spring Valley Allotment WWTP (Canal Fulton); Plum Run – trib. of Tuscarawas River
  - Summit Co.
    - a. Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition Subdivision or Apartment Complex (Clinton); Ohio Canal
    - b. Reserve Alloys LLC (Twinsburg Twp.); unnamed trib. to Tinkers Creek

**H. Ohio Environmental Legislation Recently Signed or Introduced (link shown in red below)**

- 1. STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND, HB 168: To remit funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to repay unemployment advances, to provide funds to support improvements at pediatric behavioral health care facilities, to require the Development Services Agency to establish the Water and Sewer Quality Program, and to make appropriations.
- 2. DEREGULATE CERTAIN EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES, HB 175: To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws; proponent and opponent testimony given; 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 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2/3/2021<br>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<br>ERTAC    | 1.0                  |
| 6/2/2021<br>S88683473-OM | WW                | “Storm Water Program Overview and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit Updates”                                   | NEFCO<br>ERTAC    | 1.0                  |

**K. Next meeting: August 4, 2021 at The Natatorium, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**