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MEETING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

**A MICROSOFT
TEAMS LINK
WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE**

Executive Committee

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

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Wednesday, August 4, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. July meeting summary (attached)

Please note: due to an illness, the prior listing of speakers/topic will be rescheduled. The following speaker and topic will be presenting at Wednesday's meeting.

C. Discussion Item

1. **"Investigating Water Well Problems and Options for Rehabilitation"; Speaker: Brandon Mantel, President, Donamarc Water Systems Co.**

D. Consideration by the ERTAC of a Recommendation to the NEFCO Board

1. Presentation of the edited draft 208 Plan's Chapter 3, Policy 3-6a and 3-6b to the ERTAC for its consideration of public notification (attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**
2. Consideration of an ERTAC recommendation of acceptance by the NEFCO Board of NEFCO's standard operating procedures (SOPs) for virtual trainings, to meet Ohio EPA's contact hour requirements for drinking water and wastewater operators (attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**

E. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program

1. Areawides/Ohio EPA begin collaborative project on data collection and mapping of sewer and unsewered areas
 - Expanded discussion on sewer line data that is needed from the management agencies
 - Expanded discussion on priority areas for needed sewer connections or HSTS upgrades
2. Election of ERTAC Chair and Vice Chair
3. Save the date: Nimishillen Creek watershed partnership to hold its annual creek clean-up day on September 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Stadium Park section of the creek near McKinley Museum; lunch will be served

F. Reports from ERTAC members (a chance for members to report on activities or problems affecting their communities)

G. 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. U.S. House of Representatives passes HR 2467, the “PFAS Action Act”; Northeast-Midwest Institute
2. California moves on ‘forever chemical’ drinking water limits; BE
3. 3M, Saint-Gobain, Honeywell to pay \$65 million in PFAS suit; BE
4. Connecticut bans PFAS from firefighting foam, food packaging; BE
5. Maine adopts law to ban goods with ‘forever chemicals’ by 2030; BE
6. Suit seeking records on interactive PFAS map ends in settlement with USEPA; BE
7. California regulates carpets, rugs with ‘forever chemicals’; BE

USEPA

8. EPA plan for top environmental equity job faces long road ahead; BE
9. Effects of cumulative pollution in EPA’s crosshairs, Administrator Regan says; BE
10. Maui County must get federal water permit after SCOTUS ruling; BE
11. No need for pollution permit under EPA memo, Maui tells court; BE
12. Trump-era water rule to stay in place pending agency review; BE

FEMA

13. Killer heat waves warrant FEMA action under new authority; BE
14. ‘Sunny day’ floods hit record along U.S. coasts as seas rise; BE

Infrastructure

15. Facts and nonpartisanship must drive pipeline infrastructure approval; BE
16. America’s lead water pipes explained infrastructure challenge; BE

Drinking Water

17. It’s not just water supply: drought harms water quality; BE
18. Drought-stricken western districts plan new ways to store water; BE

Fracking

19. Pennsylvania state senators take fracking fight to appeals court; BE

Recycling

20. Maine becomes first to make packagers help pay recycling tab; BE

Sewage/Stormwater

21. Sewage fouls black community near Mississippi River, suit claims; BE

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

1. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Portage Co.
 - a. St. Joseph Parish WWTP (Randolph); unnamed trib. of Cranberry Creek
 - Wayne Co.
 - a. Buckeye Biogas LLC (Wooster); land application

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

1. CONSTRUCTION OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING FACILITY, **HB 349**: To prohibit the construction of a new or modification by expansion of an existing concentrated animal feeding facility under certain circumstances.
2. WATERWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT SURCHARGE, **HB 364**: To make changes to the application process for the waterworks infrastructure improvement surcharge.

3. ADOPTION OF CERTAIN WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, HB 365: To require the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing maximum allowable contaminant levels in drinking water and water quality standards for certain contaminants.

J. Other Business

K. 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
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 B88793074-X	DW & WW	“Protecting the Ohio River Basin Watershed”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

- L. Next meeting: September 1, 2021 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**