

Chapter 9

Management Agency and Community Involvement

This chapter discusses the contribution of local jurisdictions and the general public in the update of this plan. It also discusses the public meetings which will present the plan to the general public. Local government collaboration and public involvement have been integral in the plan update process.

Local Collaboration

Clean Water Plan Chapter Committees

NEFCO organized committees to discuss and review changes made to the following Clean Water Plan chapters:

- Chapter 3 – Wastewater Management Facilities Planning
- Chapter 4 – The Management of Home Sewage Treatment Systems, Semi-public Disposal Systems, and Small Flow On-site Sewage Treatment System
- Chapter 5 – Management of Nonpoint Source Pollution and Storm Water Runoff

The members of each committee consisted of representatives from local, regional, and state entities that are involved with the planning, implementation, and/or enforcement of various programs presented in each chapter. The committee members are listed after a brief summary of the committee's work.

The Chapter 3 committee, called the Clean Water Plan Amendments Process Committee, held a meeting on January 24, 2011. The committee members recommended changes to the facilities planning area (FPA) amendment guidelines, standardize wastewater treatment prescriptions as much as possible, and improve public notification of proposed FPA amendments. NEFCO staff incorporated the committee's recommendations into the Clean Water Plan for eventual review and consideration by NEFCO's Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) and General Policy Board (GPB).

Chapter 3 Clean Water Plan Amendments Process Committee Members	
Eric Akin	NEFCO
Bob Brown	City of Kent
Dave Crandell*	City of Akron – Retired
Don Gallimore	Summit County DOES
Pat Gsellman*	City of Akron
Joe Hadley	NEFCO
Lisa Johnson	Wayne County Planning Department
Rob Kastner	Wayne County SWCD
Mary Maciejowski	NEORS
Conrad Moeller	Stark County Sanitary Eng.
Joel Montgomery	City of Wooster
Jeff Lonzrick*	Portage County Water Resources Department
Keith Riley	Ohio EPA
James Stender	City of Barberton
David White	Summit County Eng. Office/City of Norton

* Did not attend the January 24, 2011, committee meeting

At a February 3 meeting, the Chapter 4 update committee recommended minor changes to the Clean Water Plan because many of the chapter's recommendation are still pertinent. The minor changes do include new wastewater programs that have been created since the last update, including Ohio EPA's National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) general permit for discharging home sewage systems and monitoring of small flow on-site sewage treatment systems. The changes have been reviewed by the ERTAC and recommended for approval by the GPB.

Chapter 4 Update Committee Members	
Eric Akin	NEFCO
Phillip Gnacinski	Wayne County Health Department
Loyd Groves	Portage County Health Department
Joe Hadley*	NEFCO
Tom LaPlante	Summit County Health District
Todd Paulus*	Stark County Health Department
Ryan Pruett	Summit County Health District

* Did not attend the February 3, 2011, committee meeting

Changes to Chapter 5 for the management of nonpoint source pollution and storm water runoff were discussed at the May 17, 2011, Update Clean Water Plan committee meeting. Several changes and additions were recommended for the chapter because the content was originally written prior to the implementation of the NPDES Storm Water Phase II Program. Many of chapter's original recommendations are now required as part of the Phase II program. Therefore, the committee recommended changes aimed at improving the various storm water programs in the NEFCO region, updating water quality information, focusing on

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watershed/regional approaches to storm water management, and the need for a dedicated funding source for storm water programs. The proposed changes will be reviewed by the ERTAC and then forwarded to the GPB.

Chapter 5 Update Committee Members	
Eric Akin	NEFCO
Chris Barnes	City of Canton
Julie Berbari	Stark SWCD
Dan Bogoevski	Ohio EPA
Bob Brown*	City of Kent
Joan Hug-Anderson*	Summit SWCD
Dan Joseph	City of Akron
Rob Kastner	Wayne SWCD
Russell Kring	City of Cuyahoga Falls
Eric Long*	Portage SWCD
Dave Merleno*	City of Ravenna
Jeff Pritchard	City of Streetsboro
Joe Underwood	Stark County Regional Planning Commission
Malia Watkins	Stark County Regional Planning Commission
Dave White	Summit County Eng. Office/City of Norton

* Did not attend the May 17, 2011, committee meeting.

Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC)

The NEFCO ERTAC is organized as a functional committee of the General Policy Board. It is comprised of local governments and public agencies within and including Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties which have regulatory and/or advisory environmental responsibilities. Included in the responsibilities of the ERTAC is to provide technical input to the Board and guidance to NEFCO’s staff in maintaining and implementing the Clean Water Plan. The Committee also is organized as a forum for the discussion and study of environmentally-related problems of a regional nature; and for the development of policy, actions and recommendations pertaining to regional environmental issues. The ERTAC reviews all proposed changes to the Clean Water Plan and makes a recommendations to the GPB. A list of ERTAC members and alternates can be viewed in Table 9-1.

Public Meetings

In the summer of 2011, NEFCO will hold a public meeting to present changes made to the Clean Water Plan over the previous several months. All proposed changes will be posted on NEFCO’s website (www.nefcoplanning.org) for review. The meeting will occur during a 45-day public review period where interested parties can comment on any of the proposed changes. The meeting will focus on the wastewater management facilities planning (Chapter 3) portion of the Clean Water Plan, but changes to other plan components will also be reviewed including home sewage management, nonpoint source pollution, and storm water runoff. The opinions and comments from the public meeting and website posting will be compiled and reviewed by

NEFCO staff, ERTAC, and the appropriate chapter committees for possible inclusion in the Clean Water Plan. NEFCO will keep and make available documentation of these activities. After the public meeting and review period, all proposed changes will be presented to NEFCO's ERTAC and GPB for approval consideration.

Table 9-1
Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Members (M) and Alternates (A)

Portage County: James Bierlair (M), Portage SWCD
John Bradshaw (A), City of Kent
Bob Brown (M), City of Kent
Ron Etling (M), Portage County Commissioners' Representative
Loyd Groves (A), Portage County Health Department
Claudia James (M), Portage County Regional Planning Commission
James Jordan (A), City of Aurora
Mike LaCivita Jr (A), City of Ravenna
Richard Lashley (A), Portage County Health Department
Eric Long (A), Portage SWCD
Jeff Lonzrick (M), Portage County Water Resources Department
Dave Merleno (M), City of Ravenna
Todd Peetz (A), Portage County Regional Planning Commission
DuWayne Porter (M), Portage County Health Department
John Trew (M), City of Aurora
John Vence (A), Portage County Water Resources Department

Stark County: Todd Ascani (A), Stark County Health Department
Christopher Barnes (A), City of Canton
Julie Berbari (M), Stark SWCD
Doug Harris (M), City of Canton
Jim Jones (A), Stark County Sanitary Engineer's Office
Vince Marion (A), City of Alliance
Michael McGhee (M), City of Massillon
Conrad Moeller (M), Stark County Sanitary Engineer's Office
Todd Paulus (M), Stark County Health Department
Dean Reynolds (M), City of Alliance
Brenda Sarsany (M), Stark Regional Planning Commission
Tony L. Ulrich (M), City of Massillon
Malia Watkins (A), Stark Regional Planning Commission

Summit County: John Adams (A), City of Twinsburg
Chris Campbell (M), City of Twinsburg
Tony Demasi (M), City of Cuyahoga Falls
Cindy Fink (A), Summit SWCD
Don Gallimore (A), Summit County DOES
Genny Hanna (M), City of Akron
Bob Hasenyager (M), Summit County Health District

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Rob Henwood (A), Summit County
Dan Joseph (A), City of Akron
Gus Kabbara (A), Summit County Engineers Office
Russ Kring (A), City of Cuyahoga Falls
Nick Lautzenheiser (M), Summit County
David Marquard (M), Summit County DOES
Ted Marten (A), City of Twinsburg
Elwood Palmer (M), City of Barberton
Ryan Pruett (A), Summit County Health District
James A. Stender (A), City of Barberton
David White (M), Summit County Engineer's Office

Wayne County: Jim Borton (A), City of Wooster

Other: Dorothy Farris (M), ODNR
Tom Holmes (A), ODNR
Nathan Johnson (M), Ohio Department of Health
Meg Plona (M), Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Janet Popielski (A), Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Keith Riley (M), Ohio EPA
Virginia Wilson (A), Ohio EPA