

# NEFCO

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*Richard Regula, Chair*

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## MEETING NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

#### Executive Committee

The Natatorium  
Hopewell Room  
2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Wednesday, March 2, 2022  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. February meeting summary (will be transmitted separately)
- C. Discussion Item
  - 1. ***“Roots of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail system, Cuyahoga Valley National Park; a flood warning system; and securing funds for water and wastewater infrastructure”***; Richard Regula, Stark County Commissioner, NEFCO General Policy Board Chair
- D. **Consideration by the ERTAC of a Recommendation to the NEFCO Board**
  - 1. Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan for the Aurora Facilities Planning Area (FPA) to change the wastewater treatment prescriptions to the parcel level for lots in the 500 and 600 blocks of East Pioneer Trail, and to provide for a sanitary sewer extension and sewer service to five of those lots (attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**
- E. **NEFCO FY2022 Work Program**
  - 1. USEPA Region 5 approves latest round of NEFCO 208 Plan map amendments and Chapter 3 update
  - 2. NEFCO Board approved 208 Plan amendments, June 2020 through November 2021, submitted to Ohio EPA for state certification; status
  - 3. Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative project on sewer and unsewered areas data collection and mapping; status
  - 4. Portage Lakes Management Plan final draft; rollout status
- 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)**

*Climate Change*

1. Illinois city slams 'irrelevant' suit linking sewage to flooding; BE
2. U.S. sea levels to rise at a faster pace than in past 100 years; BE

*Wastewater Funding*

3. USDA's \$23 million sewer grant to Alabama city spurs FOIA suit; BE

*Brownfields*

4. EPA's Administrator Regan seeks more collaboration on redeveloping brownfields; BE

*Solid Waste*

5. Analyzing trash piece-by-piece can curb littering, study finds; BE

*Continuing Resolution – federal govt.*

6. BGOV bill summary: H.R. 6617, stopgap funding through March 11<sup>th</sup>; BE

*Miscellaneous*

7. Cross-cutting teams will speed EPA work, New York-area boss says; BE
8. Texas, Pennsylvania lead U.S. in shot at money to plug oil wells; BE

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

1. Northeast Ohio communities receive \$18.8 million in financing from Ohio EPA to improve wastewater, drinking water infrastructure
2. Draft NPDES Permit  
Stark Co.
  - a. Wyeth LLC (Massillon); Newman Creek
3. Proposed Issuance of Modification to NPDES Permit Conditions  
Stark Co.
  - a. Canton PWS Sugar Creek Plant (Canton); Sugar Creek
4. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals  
Stark Co.
  - a. Alliance Tubular Products LLC (Alliance); Ryan's Run (Rex Run)
  - b. Walker Elementary School (Canton); unnamed trib. to Sherrick Run

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

1. ROAD SURFACE APPLICATION – BRINE FROM OIL AND GAS WELLS, [HB 579](#): To expressly prohibit the surface application of brine from oil and gas wells on roads.
2. EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES, [HB 175](#): To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws; status
3. WATERWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS SURCHARGE, [HB 364](#): To make changes to the application process for the waterworks infrastructure improvement surcharge; status
4. 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; status
5. CREATE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECTS, [SB 19](#): To modify the law regarding property taxation and sales and use tax; status

**J. Other Business**

**K. ERTAC Contact Hour Course List**

<b>Date/Approval Code</b>	<b>Approved Audience</b>	<b>Title of the Presentation</b>	<b>Training Provider</b>	<b>No. of Contact Hours</b>
10/6/21 S88726956-OM	WW	"A 'Dam' Good Tale" (Canal Diversion Dam Removal)	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
12/2/21 B88749145-OM	DW & WW	"Responding to and Mitigating Harmful Algal Blooms in Ohio"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
1/5/2022 S88755563-OM	WW	"Rural Action's Water Quality Improvement and Protection Projects in the Muskingum River Watershed"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

**L. Next meeting: April 6, 2022 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**