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MEETING NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

Executive Committee

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

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. March meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion Item
 - 1. ***“Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 6; and rollout of the Portage Lakes Management Plan (PLMP) final draft”***; Maia Peck, Watershed Planner/GIS Specialist; NEFCO
<https://www.nefcoplanning.org/portage-lakes-management-study-plms/>
- D. **NEFCO FY2022 Work Program**
 - 1. NEFCO Board approves 208 Plan amendments for the Mantua FPA and Aurora FPA
 - 2. Ohio EPA and USEPA Region 5 meet to discuss ways to reduce time needed for federal approval of state-certified 208 Plan amendments and updates
 - 3. Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative project on sewerage and unsewered areas data collection and mapping; status
 - 4. Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; status
 - 5. Highlights from the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern 2022 Symposium on March 22nd
 - 6. Poll: Which room setup is preferred by the ERTAC?
 - a. Current classroom setup with social distancing;
 - b. Traditional face-to-face U-shaped setup with possibly less social distancing
- 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. Pennsylvania latest state to propose PFAS water regulations; BE
 - 2. 3M, Chemours appeal class of millions of Ohioans suing over PFAS; BE
 - 3. DuPont, Corteva must face cities' lawsuits over PFAS in water; BE
 - 4. Ban PFAS fertilizer spread on land, Maine farmers ask lawmakers; BE
 - 5. L'Oréal misleads consumers about PFAS in mascaras, lawsuit says; BE

EPA

6. New EPA Chicago boss envisions expansive interagency efforts; BE
7. New features part of EPA's environmental justice screening tool; BE
- Wastewater*
8. Senators agree on need to upgrade wastewater funding formula; BE
- Lead in Drinking Water*
9. Lead in Benton Harbor drinking water brings suit, racism claims; BE
- Clean Water Act*
10. Clean Water Act only 'half kept at half century,' group charges; BE
- Cybersecurity*
11. Russian cyber threats prompt water systems to prepare for hacks; BE
12. Bracing for Russia cyberattack risk after Biden alarm: explained; BE
13. Water, commercial companies face more urgent reporting of hacks; BE
- Climate Change*
14. Supreme Court climate case excites GOP as a check on regulators; BE
15. Supreme Court grapples with EPA authority on climate change; BE
16. Supreme Court questions scope of EPA's climate change powers; BE
- Obama/Trump Water Rule*
17. Energy groups, states' bid to revive Trump water rule advances; BE
18. Obama water rule replacement ends lawsuit by Ohio, Tennessee; BE
- Water Pollution*
19. Monsanto reaches \$80 million settlement with Ohio over PCBs; BE
20. Supreme Court told review of water pollution dispute should wait; BE
21. Ohio explosives company to pay \$2.3 million over wastewater pollution; BE
22. PPG Industries liable for water pollution at Pennsylvania site; BE
23. Illinois city slams 'irrelevant' suit linking sewage to flooding; BE
24. Federal spending bill to limit environmental regulation of livestock; BE
- Miscellaneous*
25. New York signs pact to pursue hydrogen hub plan in climate push; BE
26. Shale drillers foresee 'world of hurt' in Biden's green economy; BE
27. Feds seek to spend on water recycling in drought-stricken west; BE
28. EPA's Regan seeks more collaboration on redeveloping brownfields; BE
29. Hazardous substance centers must plan for poor weather, EPA says; BE
30. Feds seek to spend on water recycling in drought-stricken west; BE

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

1. Lead Service Line Inventory and Mapping Grants now available
2. Proposed Rulemaking Governing Harmful Algal Blooms Rules; Div. of Drinking and Ground Waters; public hearing May 4, 2022 (virtual and in-person); deadline for comments: May 4, 2022
3. Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program Year 2023 Updates and Highlights webinar; April 5, 2022
4. Proposed revocation of NPDES Permit Summit Co.
 - a. SRP Industries LLC (Akron); Little Cuyahoga River
5. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals Portage Co.
 - a. Brimfield WTP (Brimfield); tributary Plum Creek Stark Co.
 - a. Country Lawn Center for Rehabilitation Nursing Home (Navarre); unnamed trib. of Tuscarawas River

- b. The Timken Company – Research Plan 18 (North Canton); Zimber Ditch via an unnamed trib.
- c. Envirite of Ohio Inc. (Canton); Sherrick Run
- d. Lake Sherman Village (Navarre); unnamed trib. of Tuscarawas River
- e. Congress Lake Clubhouse (Hartville); Congress Lake Outlet Summit Co.
 - a. Cavanaugh Building Corporation (Akron); Pigeon Creek
 - b. Sumerix Apartments (New Franklin); unnamed trib. of Turkeyfoot Lake Wayne Co.
 - a. Creston STP (Creston); Killbuck Creek
 - b. Camp Luz (Orrville); Sugar Creek
 - c. Orrville WTP (Orrville); unnamed trib. of Little Chippewa Creek

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

1. EPHEMERAL FEATURES, **Am. HB 175**: To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws; status
2. ELIMINATION OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, **HB 464**: To eliminate public water system asset management program requirements and to require the Director of Environmental Protection to rescind rules governing that program; 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
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
2/2/2002 B88761828-OM	DW & WW	“Ohio’s Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Funding Prospects: Opportunities and Challenges”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

K. Next meeting: May 4, 2022 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio