

# NEFCO

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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, June 1, 2022  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. May meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion Item
  - 1. **"Cuyahoga River Dam Removal and Bank Stabilization"; speaker: Matt Lascola, P.E., Project Manager, GPD Group**
- D. Consideration by the ERTAC of a Recommendation to the NEFCO Board
  - 1. Regarding NEFCO sending a letter to U.S. EPA Administrator Michael Regan voicing support for the City of Akron's proposed third amendment to the federal consent decree regarding combined sewer overflows abatement; Patrick Gsellman, P.E., Akron Waterways Renewed Program Manager, City of Akron; see attached letter from Akron's Mayor **ACTION REQUESTED**
- E. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program
  - 1. Staff to solicit from NEFCO's members environmental/water quality projects suggestions
  - 2. Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative project on sewerage and unsewered areas data collection and mapping; demonstration of draft map of priority unsewered areas
  - 3. Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; status of pump start-up
- 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. USDA pressed to do more for farmers hurt by 'forever chemicals'; BE
  - 2. Levels of five PFAS that should trigger action released by EPA; BE
  - 3. PFAS probes, rule workup spending outlined in EPA budget plan; BE
  - 4. Pentagon halts 'forever chemicals' incineration for now; BE
  - 5. PFAS in food packaging: get ready for new regulations; BE

*Environmental Permitting*

- 6. White House adds ‘oomph’ to tiny environmental permitting office; BE
- 7. Biden releases permitting action plan to speed federal projects; BE

*Environmental Equity*

- 8. EPA Chief rejects GOP criticism of agency role in equity policy; BE
- 9. Biden environmental equity executive order set for summer update; BE

*Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Reporting*

- 10. What ESG is, why it’s important, and where it might be going; BE

*Obama Waters Rule*

- 11. States urge panel to let Obama waters rule challenge proceed; BE

*Drinking Water*

- 12. EPA must do more to avoid another Flint crisis, watchdog say; BE s

*Brownfields Funding*

- 13. EPA sending out \$255 million to clean up brownfield sites; BE

*Hydrogen*

- 14. Hydrogen is every U.S. gas utility’s favorite future savior; BE

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

- 1. Draft General NPDES Permit for Temporary Discharges; Division of Surface Water; virtual public information session and public hearing, June 8, 2022; deadline for comments June 15, 2022
- 2. Regulation and Funding of Household Sewage Treatment Systems in Ohio webinar; Ohio EPA and ODH; June 9, 2022; 2-3 p.m.
- 3. “PFAS in Drinking Water”; ODH; updated Fact Sheet; January 2022
- 4. PFAS Testing of Ohio Public Water Systems; Interactive Maps; August 2021
- 5. 2021 Annual Report; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance; February 2022 draft
- 6. Draft NPDES Permit  
Stark Co.
  - a. Rankin Lawn Care (Hartville); Deer Creek
- 7. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals  
Portage Co.
  - a. Countryside Estates MHP (Charlestown Twp.); Hinkley Creek Summit Co.
  - a. Covenant of Grace Church (Copley); Pigeon Creek

**I. Ohio Environmental Legislation Recently Signed or Introduced (none)**

**J. Other Business**

**K. ERTAC Contact Hour Course List**

Date/Approval Code	Approved Audience	Title of the Presentation	Training Provider	No. of Contact Hours
1/5/2022 S88755563-OM	WW	“Rural Action’s Water Quality Improvement and Protection Projects in the Muskingum River Watershed”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
2/2/22 B88761828-OM	DW & WW	“Ohio’s Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Funding Prospects: Opportunities and Challenges”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

3/2/22 S88770348-OM	WW	"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"	NEFCO ERTAC	0.5
4/6/22 S88777298-OM	WW	"Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 6; and rollout of the Portage Lakes Management Plan (PLMP) final draft"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
5/4/22 S88783567-OM	WW	"Flooding, Erosion, and Water Quality – NEORS's Stormwater Program"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

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