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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, November 2, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. October meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion item
 1. **"Updates on the Remediation of Mentor Marsh, Ohio's First Nature Preserve, and on the Gorge Dam Removal Project"; Speaker: Bill Zawiski, Water Quality Supervisor, Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, Division of Surface Water**
- D. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 1. Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; status
 2. Schuring Park project, as an example of what qualifies as a 208 Plan amendment
 3. Discussion of procedures for submittals of annual facilities plan updates
 4. NEFCO's interactive online 208 Plan map; status of recent maintenance and updating
- 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) (*Sources as indicated: Bloomberg Environment (BE), National Association of Development Organizations (NADOnews), National Association of Regional Councils' (e-Regions), and Northeast-Midwest Institute (NEMWI)*)
 - Clean Water Act*
 1. Clean Water Act marks 50 years as lawyers say improvement needed; BE
 2. NEMWI celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act; NEMWI
 - Drinking Water*
 3. Mississippi agencies face civil rights probe over water crisis; BE
 4. States' standing in water suit built on sick kids' relocation; BE
 5. U.S. eyes judicial enforcement for troubled Jackson water system; BE

Water Legislation (federal)

6. Water legislation could be considered during Congress' lame duck session; NEMWI
PFAS

7. Cow-harming 'forever chemicals' strain USDA's relief resources; BE

Wastewater

8. Webinar: Benefits and Pitfalls of Bulk Agreements for Small Wastewater Utilities
November 11th 2 p.m.; NADOnews

Hydrogen

9. White House launches 'generational' \$7 billion hydrogen plan; BE

Water Pollution

10. USDA announces grant program to address water pollution in rural areas; e-Regions

11. Iowa's latest 'ag gag' law violates first amendment, court rules; BE

Environmental Justice

12. EPA equity office elevation seen as step 'toward more justice'; BE

FEMA

13. FEMA issues new flood insurance manual; e-Regions

G. 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. Request for proposals: FFY2023 Section 319 Subawards, application deadline November 17, 2022; includes funds for development or significant update of 9-element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategies (NPS-IS) in Disadvantaged Communities
2. Meeting and public hearing set for bridge project over Tinkers Creek; November 1st at 6:00 p.m. Hudson City Hall
3. Northeast Ohio communities receive \$91.6 million in Ohio EPA financing; wastewater and drinking water projects; includes Akron, Alliance, and Ravenna; also Summit County Public Health
4. Early Stakeholder Outreach
 - a. Composting facility rules; OAC rules 3745-560-100, 3745-560-200, and 3745-560-300. Comments deadline November 17, 2022.
 - b. Proposed rulemaking governing financial assurance rules (3745-92-01 through -06) comments deadline November 18, 2022.
 - c. Section 401 water quality certifications rules; OAC 3745-32; comments deadline January 18, 2023.
 - d. Wetland water quality standards; OAC 3745-1; comments deadline January 18, 2023.
5. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Portage Co.
 - a. Twin Lakes WWTP (Kent); Twin Lakes Outlet
 - b. Western Reserve WWTP (Nelson Township); Camp Creek
 - c. Red Fox WWTP (Shalersville Township); Cuyahoga River
Stark Co.
 - a. Marlboro Village WWTP (Alliance); Walborn Reservoir/Deer Creek

H. Ohio Environmental Legislation Recently Signed or Introduced (none)

I. Other Business

J. ERTAC Contact Hour Course List

Date/Approval Code	Approved Audience	Title of the Presentation	Training Provider	No. of Contact Hours
6/1/2022 S88789415-OM	WW	“Cuyahoga River Dam Removal and Bank Stabilization”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
8/3/2022 S88802447-OM	WW	“Bus tour of five Akron Waterways Renewed projects”	NEFCO ERTAC	2.0
9/7/2022 B88813537-OM	DW & WW	“Aquatic vegetation/harmful algal blooms management”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

K. Next meeting: December 7, 2022 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio