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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, December 7, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. November meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion item
 1. ***"Using Lake Sediment to Assess Anthropogenic Environmental Impacts: An example from Summit Lake, Akron, OH"***; speaker: Dr. John Peck, Professor, Department of Geosciences, University of Akron
- D. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 1. Procedures for annual facilities plan updates; draft white paper and timeline (**will be emailed separately**)
 2. NEFCO's desired format for GIS mapping of Clean Water (208) Plan amendments by MAs
 3. Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; NEFCO requests grant closeout
 4. NEFCO to distribute map of priority unsewered areas, with disclaimer statement
- 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)**
Clean Water Act
 1. EPA-State effort hailed for cutting Clean Water Act violations; BE
PFAS
 2. Michigan bill summary: S. 231, PFAS guidance for firefighters; BE
Water Pollution
 3. WaterWipes 'biodegradable' statement deceptive, consumer alleges; BE
 4. Sewage pollution lawsuit against Illinois city can go forward; BE
 5. USEPA proposes Lake Erie nutrient cap to cut algae blooms; BE
 6. Lakewood, Ohio reaches settlement to reduce raw sewage discharge; BE

Drinking Water

7. Amazon vows to replenish all the water it uses for data centers; BE
8. USEPA probes spending on troubled Jackson, Miss., water system; BE Misc.
9. Citizen scientists across US create maps of urban hot zones; BE

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. FY2023 Revised Draft Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAFF) Program Management Plan; two public hearings December 13, 2022; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance
2. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Portage Co.
 - a. All Seasons MHP (Deerfield); unnamed trib. to Willow Creek
 - b. Aqua Power Boat Club (Deerfield); unnamed trib. to Berlin Lake Stark Co.
 - a. Beach City WWTP (Beach City); Sugar Creek
 - b. Village of Brewster (Brewster); Sugar Creek
 - c. Wilmot WTP (Wilmot); Nimisila Creek Summit Co.
 - a. Akron Water Reclamation Facility (Akron); Cuyahoga River
 - b. Northfield Park Associates (Northfield); unnamed trib. to Brandywine Creek
3. Proposed Revocation of NPDES Permit
Wayne Co.
 - a. Wayne Attention Center (Fredericksburg)

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

1. ELIMINATION OF ASSET MANAGEMENT, **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.
2. BIOSOLID LAGOONS AND BIODIGESTION FACILITIES, **HB 734**: To establish procedures and requirements governing biosolid lagoons and biodigestion facilities, including granting county and township zoning authority over those lagoons and facilities, and to modify the CAUV eligibility requirements for certain land used to produce biofuels.

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
10/5/2022 B88826894-X	DW & WW	"Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Watershed Program: Purpose, Projects and Potential Impacts in the NEFCO Region"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

K. Next meeting: January 4, 2023 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio