

# 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, September 7, 2022  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. August meeting summary (attached)
- C. Discussion item
  - 1. "Aquatic vegetation/harmful algal blooms management"; Carter Bailey, Portage Lakes Management Study partner and aquatic biologist with Aqua Doc
- D. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
  - 1. Election of ERTAC Chair and Vice Chair
  - 2. FY2022 NEFCO Work Program Completion Report is available upon request
  - 3. FY2022 ERTAC meeting agendas and summaries are available upon request
  - 4. Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; fourth no-cost extension to the U.S. EPA grant's project/budget period end date; status
- 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. California advances ban on 'forever chemicals' in cosmetics; BE
    - 2. Mitigating PFAS, plastics-related litigation costs with insurance; BE
  - Drought*
    - 3. Megadrought states' officials urge more cuts to avoid water war; BE
    - 4. California lawmakers push for 'drought profiteering' probe; BE
    - 5. Vulnerable democrats bet on drought money to quench parched west; BE
    - 6. 'No winners' seen if states launch water war amid megadrought; BE
    - 7. California governor speeds up drought plan, stops short of restrictions; BE
    - 8. Western senators secure \$4 billion for drought in spending bill; BE
    - 9. Water in California spot market hits all-time high amid drought; BE

*Environmental Justice*

- 10. Democrats’ environmental justice bill approved by house panel; BE
- 11. New Jersey debates ‘overburdened’ in environmental justice rule 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. Ohio EPA hosts webinar on *NPDES Permitting New and Proposed Rules and Policies*, September 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: [click here to register](#) or search “Ohio EPA DEFA training calendar”
- 2. Ohio EPA webinar – August 10, 2022; Federal Infrastructure Bill Updates and Project Nomination Opportunities; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eg-XHxO-TA>; webinar PowerPoint also available
- 3. Draft NPDES Permits
  - Portage Co.
    - a) Regal Equipment (Ravenna); Bixon Creek
  - Wayne Co.
    - a) Peach Grove MHP (Wooster); Killbuck Creek
- 4. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
  - Portage Co.
    - a) City of Aurora Central WWTP (Aurora); Aurora Branch Chagrin River
  - Stark Co.
    - a) Springfield Lake Camp Club WWTP (East Sparta); Sherman Creek
    - b) Village of Hartville WWTP (Hartville); Guiley Ditch
  - Summit Co.
    - a) McCann Plastics (North Canton); Nimisila Creek
    - b) St. Bernard Golf Course (Richfield); East Branch Rocky River
    - c) Karman Rubber Co. (Akron); Pigeon Creek via unnamed trib
    - d) Portage Lakes State Park (Akron); Turkeyfoot Lake
    - e) Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (Akron); Little Cuyahoga River
  - Wayne Co.
    - a) Shreve WWTP (Shreve); Shreve 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
1/5/2022 S88755563-OM	WW	“Rural Action’s Water Quality Improvement and Protection Projects in the Muskingum River Watershed”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
2/2/2022 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
4/6/2022 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
5/4/2022 S88783567-OM	WW	“Flooding, Erosion, and Water Quality – NEORS’s Stormwater Program”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

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

**K. Next meeting: October 5, 2022 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**