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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, January 4, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- A. Public comments
- B. December meeting summary (will be emailed separately)
- C. Consideration by the ERTAC of a Recommendation to the NEFCO Board
 1. Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan for the Canton-Nimishillen Basin Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and the Massillon FPA to modify the FPA boundary to provide for the construction of Jackson Township's Schuring Park via a sanitary sewer connection on Belden Greens Circle NW, which is tributary to the Canton Water Reclamation Facility **ACTION REQUESTED** (attached)
- D. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 1. Revised draft 'procedures for voluntary annual Clean Water (208) Plan updates' (attached); continued discussion during breakout session at the end of short business meeting
 2. Discussion regarding a needed update or amendment to the 208 Plan's glossary to define "new construction" and "new development" when referenced in a wastewater prescription and it's not related to a new subdivision
 3. NEFCO has distributed the map of priority unsewered areas, with disclaimer statement
 4. Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; federal grant closeout 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) (Sources as indicated: *Bloomberg Environment (BE)*
PFAS
 1. 3M still liable despite PFAS market exit, attorneys say; BE
 2. Michigan PFAS cleanup threatened by state's cost 'shell game'; BE
 3. E.I. duPont must pay \$40 million in PFAS can suit; BE

Water Pollution

4. Indiana towns ordered to remedy sewage overflow into watershed; BE
5. Florida must toughen rules for water pollutants, EPA says; BE

Drinking Water

6. Toxic water public nuisance suit against Georgia City Utility proceeds; BE
7. Interim manager proposed for troubled Jackson, MS water system; BE

Fracking

8. What fracking can tell us about future of fusion: Liam Denning; BE
9. Another Permian quake spurs reappraisal of frack waste disposal; 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 is holding a Triennial Review of the state's Water Quality Standards (WQS)
 - Webinar was held on December 19th; [view the recording here](#)
 - Public hearing to be held on January 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Ohio EPA Conference Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215, and virtually; [register here](#)
 - NEFCO seeks the ERTAC's top five priority WQS rule titles from Table 1 (attached)
 - Ohio EPA deadline for WQS Triennial Review comments: January 31, 2023
2. Ohio EPA announcements:
 - Governor DeWine and Ohio EPA Director Stevenson announce that the state will contribute \$25 million to support the Cuyahoga River Gorge Dam Removal Project
 - Ohio EPA Director Laurie Stevenson announces her retirement, effective December 31, 2022
 - Ohio EPA Northeast District Office Chief Kurt Princic to retire, effective December 31, 2022
3. 2023 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Informational Webinar; January 5, 2023; DEFA
4. Draft Rules – Definitions, Methods, Mahoning River and Lake Erie Standards; Fact Sheet; Division of Surface Water; deadline for comments January 6, 2023
5. Section 401 Water Quality Certification Rules; Fact Sheet Division of Surface Water; deadline for comments January 18, 2023
6. Wetland Water Quality Standards (OAC 3745)-1); Fact Sheet; Division of Surface Water; deadline for comments January 18, 2023
7. Draft Construction Stormwater General Permit; Public Hearing; January 23, 2023; 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Ohio EPA Central Office; deadline for comments January 30, 2023
8. New H2Ohio Grant Opportunity to help Drinking Water Systems Pay for Equipment; applications for up to \$10,000 being accepted until January 25, 2023
9. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Summit Co.
 - a. JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. (Barberton) Tuscarawas River via Ohio Canal
 - b. Valley Campground (Cuyahoga Falls); unnamed trib. to Cuyahoga River

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
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
11/2/22 S88841847-OM	WW	"Updates on the Remediation of Mentor Marsh, Ohio's First Nature Preserve, and on the Gorge Dam Removal Project"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

K. Next meeting: February 1, 2023 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio