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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, March 1, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. February meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. **"Managing watersheds in Summit County: a holistic approach"; Stephanie Deibel, Watershed Coordinator, Summit Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**

D. Consideration by the ERTAC of a Recommendation to the NEFCO Board

1. Consideration of an Update to the Clean Water (208) Plan for the Wooster Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and Smithville FPA to modify the FPA boundary and change the wastewater treatment prescriptions within the proposed FPA boundary modification area; and to update the southwestern section of the Wooster FPA boundary and the wastewater treatment prescriptions on various parcels within the existing Wooster FPA boundary (attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**
2. Consideration of a recommendation to the NEFCO Board to approve the revised draft Clean Water (208) Plan Annual FPA Update Guidelines (attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of a recommendation to the NEFCO Board to send a support letter for the City of Akron's Third Amendment to the Consent Decree (attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**

E. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program

1. Election of ERTAC officers

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) (Source: *Bloomberg Environment (BE)*)

East Palestine Derailment

1. EPA orders Norfolk Southern to clean up Ohio derailment site; BE
2. Biden's missing administrator adds to rail disaster woes; BE

3. What Ohio's train derailment says about the dark side of plastic; BE
4. Cancer risk, millions in damage: tallying Ohio derailment's cost; BE
5. EPA tests air, water for chemicals after Ohio train derailment; BE
6. Norfolk Southern bashed for 'incompetence' as EPA leads cleanup; BE
7. EPA vows to hold Norfolk Southern accountable for Ohio disaster; BE
8. EPA tests air, water for chemicals after Ohio train derailment; BE
9. Bungled messaging over Ohio train crash causes chaos; BE

Flooding

10. US housing overvalued by billions due to ignored flood risk; BE
11. Climate startup aims to narrow gap in flood protection with data; BE

Waters of the U.S.

12. Trump-era water rule wrongfully nixed by Court, 9th Circuit says; BE
13. Republican senator looks to farm bill to undo Biden water rule; BE
14. Biden accused by House GOP of 'regulatory abuse' in waters rule; BE
15. Republicans use review power to target Biden 'Waters of the U.S.' rule; BE

PFAS

16. Water utilities brace for imminent EPA proposal on PFAS in water; BE
17. Firefighters' union sets up for legal fight over PFAS; BE

Environmental Justice

18. Army Corps of Engineers unveils Environmental Justice roadmap; BE

Wastewater Testing

19. EPA proposes update to wastewater testing methods; BE

Recycling

20. Glad 'recycling' bags can't be recycled, false-ad suit alleges; BE
21. Laws that put companies on hook for trash boost recycling: study; BE

Mercury

22. EPA restores key legal foundation of landmark mercury rules; BE

Equity

23. Biden elevates racial equity actions across federal agencies; BE
24. Environmental equity report card for agencies gets final touches; BE

Miscellaneous

25. White House told to get tough on agencies' environmental reviews; BE
26. Data backs Biden claim that red states want infrastructure funds; BE

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

1. U.S. EPA Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Grant Program; request for applications; Ohio EPA is coordinating potential air projects that might qualify; Ohio EPA informational MS Teams meeting MONDAY, Feb. 27th at 10:30 a.m.; application materials due April 10, 2023
2. David Emermann named Chief of Northeast District Office
3. Draft Biological and Water Quality Report for the Cuyahoga River Watershed, 2017 and 2018; Fact Sheet and Appendices; Division of Surface Water; deadline for comments March 16, 2023
4. Asset Management Program Update for Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems; Division of Drinking and Groundwaters; changes effective April 3, 2023
5. Proposed rulemaking governing composting rules; Division of Materials and Waste Management; deadline for comments March 23, 2023
6. Proposed Issuance of Modification to NPDES Permit Conditions Stark County
 - a. Beth MHP (Canton); Sherman Creek

- 7. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Portage County
 - a. Harbison Walker Refractories Co. – Windham Plant (Windham); South Fork Eagle Creek
 - Stark County
 - a. Spuds Corner (North Lawrence); Newman Creek at RM 6.7
 - Summit County
 - a. Copley Town Center (Akron); unnamed trib. to Pigeon Creek
 - b. Summit C&D Disposal Inc. (Norton); Copley Run
 - c. Gather at the Lakes (Akron); unnamed trib. to Tuscarawas River
 - d. Tiki Underground (Boston Heights); unnamed trib. to Boston Run

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
2/1/2023 S88857896-X	WW	“Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network: Engaging Communities in Credible Water Quality Monitoring”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

L. Next meeting: April 5, 2023 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio