

# 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, October 4, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### A. Public comments

#### B. September meeting summary (attached)

#### C. Discussion Item

1. "Northeast Ohio Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Program 2023 Update & PFAS Sampling Procedures"; James Fisher, Environmental Supervisor, Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

#### D. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. NEFCO Board releases draft FY2024 201/208 facilities planning areas update for 30-day public review and comment period
2. Ongoing FY2024 201/208 FPA update; revised timetable and next steps
3. U.S. EPA approves latest round of state certified NEFCO 208 Plan amendments
4. City of Akron's proposed fourth amendment to the Consent Decree; status
5. Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters Chief discusses with the Areawides U.S. EPA's proposed maximum contaminate levels for six PFAS compounds in drinking water and how Ohio EPA expects to respond to them
6. U.S. EPA announces *FY2024 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup [Grant Guidelines](#)*; application submission deadline: November 13, 2023

#### 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) (Source: *Bloomberg Environment (BE)* or as otherwise noted)

##### *CVNP contamination*

1. US still may face some costs over contaminated Cuyahoga Valley National Park property  
*FEMA*
2. FEMA isn't ready for worsening climate disasters: BE editorial

3. Nearly 500 US communities named 'resilience zones' by FEMA

*Farm Bill*

4. Leadership mulls farm bill odds as shutdown looms: Farm Briefing

5. Shutdown threat tests agriculture bill optimism: Farm Brief

6. Shutdown risk, extension talks muddy Ag bill outlook

*Water Utilities*

7. Senate committee frets about drought's effect on drinking water

8. Water utilities say needs dire amid funding uncertainty

*Waters of the US*

9. Utah landowners get reprieve in wetlands challenge after *Sackett*

*PFAS*

10. 3M agrees to PFAS settlement revisions

11. Liberty property sues over liability for firefighting discharge

12. Forever chemicals cleanup dispute fuels Michigan airport suit

*Climate Change*

13. Climate tech intended to cool cities down can make people hotter

14. Homeowners flooded by failed dam win opportunity to sue Michigan

15. Climate change insurance question sent to Hawaii high court

16. US homebuyers weigh climate risk in picking a house, Zillow says

17. California flood-insurance gap exposed by tropical storm Hilary

18. What storms like Idalia mean for property insurance: Quicktake

19. California to give insurers leeway to set rates on fire risk

20. California passes first-in-nation climate disclosure rules

*Miscellaneous*

21. Refrigerant companies challenge EPA hydrofluorocarbon rule

22. Wildfire recovery in California town holds lessons for Lahaina

23. Chemical security deal eludes lawmakers after program's lapse

24. EPA's fraud fighter unsatisfied with agency school bus payments

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

1. Proposed Rules – Definitions, Methods, Mahoning River, and Lake Erie Standards Water Quality Standards rules package; Division of Surface Water; public hearing (in-person and virtual): October 16, 2023; deadline for comments: October 16, 2023

2. Proposed Rules – Biocriteria narrative OAC Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-2; Div. of Surface Water; public hearing (in-person and virtual): October 23, 2023; deadline for comments: October 23, 2023

3. Stormwater and Wetland Permitting for Solar Farms; Division of Surface Water; September 2023

4. Webinar: NPDES Permitting New & Proposed Rules and Policies; October 12, 2023; 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM; Div. of Surface Water

5. Workshop: Preparing for Brownfields Grants with Clean Energy Reuse in Mind - workshop mini-series; October 3, 2023; Division of Environmental Response & Revitalization

6. Early Stakeholder Outreach – Disruption of Service Rule; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; deadline for comments: October 26, 2023

7. [Gorge Dam Removal Environmental Assessment](#); Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact; Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance; deadline for comments August 4, 2023; provided for information only

8. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals

Portage County

a. Ravenna WWTP (Ravenna); Hommon Ditch

Stark County

a. Edward C. Levy Co. – Ohio (Canton); Hurford Run

b. Hitchin Post (Robertsville); Black Run

Summit County

- a. Copley Fairlawn Middle School (Copley); unnamed trib. to Pigeon Creek
- b. Mac's Convenience Store (Bath); unnamed trib. of North Fork Yellow Creek

Wayne County

- a. Apple Creek WWTP (Apple Creek); Apple Creek

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

**I. Other Business**

**J. ERTAC Contact Hour Course List**

<b>Date/Approval Code</b>	<b>Approved Audience</b>	<b>Title of the Presentation</b>	<b>Training Provider</b>	<b>No. of Contact Hours</b>
4/5/2023 B88874387-OM	DW & WW	"Biological and Water Quality Report for the Cuyahoga River Watershed, 2017 and 2018; an overview"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
5/3/2023 S88881911-OM	WW	"Mill Pond-Mud Brook Greenway/From Master Plan to Projects"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
6/7/2023 B88889038-OM	DW & WW	"Upper and Middle Cuyahoga River Watershed Hydrology Crowd Sourcing as a Tool for Watershed Education"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
8/2/2023 S88903389-OM	WW	"Stormwater Program Update"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
9/6/2023 B88903504-X	DW & WW	"The blue holes of north-central Ohio: Is there a connection with harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie?"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

**K. Next meeting: November 1, 2023 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**