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

A. Public comments

B. October meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. "Brief Overview of Ohio EPA's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program and Near-Term Section 319 Grant Opportunities"; Rick Wilson, Environmental Specialist 3, Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Nonpoint Source Program

D. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. Ongoing 30-day public review of the draft FY2024 201/208 facilities planning areas update; summary of comments received thus far, and next steps
2. Ongoing Clean Water (208) Plan, Chapter 4 update; status, and next steps
3. List of U.S. EPA-approved/state certified 208 Plan amendments approved by the NEFCO Board from June 2020 to January 2023; available upon request
4. City of Akron's proposed third and fourth amendments to the Consent Decree; status
5. Canal Diversion Dam Removal Project: National Park Service/Cuyahoga Valley National Park accepts ownership of now functioning river water (screw) pump station
6. Gorge Dam Removal Project; status as provided at the [public meeting](#) on **October 25th**, at **6:00 p.m.** at the Akron-Summit County Public Library Main Branch, 60 S. High St., Akron

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)

Drinking Water

1. EPA, New York didn't oversee clean drinking water, suit says
2. New Orleans drinking water threatened after Mississippi dredging
3. California water supplies are still brimming as El Niño looms
4. Michigan officials escape most claims over lead-tainted water

Environmental Permitting

5. White House issues new funds to speed environmental permits
6. Business groups seek changes to environmental permitting rule

PFAS

7. Companies must report all releases of listed PFAS under EPA rule
8. 'Forever chemical' bans face hard truth: many can't be replaced
9. Large 3M, Dupont PFAS class push in Ohio hits skeptical court
10. Attorneys request \$95 million in fees for Dupont PFAS settlement
11. 3M PFAS case on medical monitoring is a stretch on standing
12. EPA's final PFAS data rule seen as ripe for industry challenges
13. Maine residents get ok for PFAS claims against 3M, BASF, Solenis
14. North Carolina resident class approved in Dupont, Chemours case
15. L'oreal mascara buyers lack standing for PFAS deception lawsuit
16. PFAS rule requires myriad companies to send EPA 12 years of data
17. Map of PFAS-contaminated wildlife offers guide for legal claims

Climate Change

18. US should adopt carbon border tax to address climate change
19. Chicago seeks to nix rust belt label with \$1 billion climate bid

Recycling

20. Sprawling US recycling effort puts snack wrappers into landfills
21. Plastic bottles with No. 2 recycle symbol may have toxic problem

EPA

22. EPA proposes new ways to decide if chemicals are too risky
23. Chemical maker oversight fees EPA collects meet Congress' intent
24. EPA seeks to end challenge to its pesticide approval process
25. Watchdog report finds EPA has \$1.6 billion in unspent funds
26. EPA adds details to implement climate change enforcement plan

Energy

27. Biden's Green Energy programs on tax credits and grants launch
28. Ohio justices approve solar farms over resident opposition
29. A 48 percent surge in costs wrecks Biden's much-lauded wind-power plans
30. Will hydrogen fuel a clean-energy future, or fizzle?
31. How Maine became the heat pump capital of the US

Farm Bill

32. Agriculture bill shrinking with Congress in chaos: farm bill briefing

Environmental Justice

33. DOJ touts broad range of environmental justice courtroom wins

Waters of the U.S.

34. Senate hearing highlights partisan divide on wetlands ruling
35. EPA drops appeal of injunction halting waters rule in 24 states

Air Pollution

36. EPA deems leaded plane fuel a threat, paving way for limits
37. Supreme Court request seeks freeze of good neighbor ozone rule
38. Why are governments still subsidizing fossil fuels?
39. How US airlines fell behind Europe on sustainable jet fuel

Miscellaneous

40. Environmental groups stymied in push for more wildlife funding
41. Can Biden economic policy help those left behind?
42. Parks departments confront rising costs with creative solutions
43. \$375 million venture fund to back biodiversity-focused startups
44. Groups call for wastewater infrastructure funding as cuts loom
45. eBay accused of selling polluting aftermarket automobile parts

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

1. 2024 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants; Environmental and Financial Assistance; submittal deadline: December 1, 2023 at 3:00 pm (EST)
2. Early Stakeholder Outreach - Antidegradation Rule (OAC 3745-1-05); Division of Surface Water; deadline for comments 5 p.m., Friday, November 17, 2023
3. Early Stakeholder Outreach- Standardized Permitting, RAP, RD&D, & Technical Correction Rules; Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization; deadline for comments: November 03, 2023
4. Early Stakeholder Outreach - Biosolids/Sewage Sludge rules (OAC 3745-40); Div. of Surface Water; deadline for comments: Wednesday, November 29, 2023
5. Draft NPDES Permit
Portage County
 - a. Adroit Real Estate (Ravenna); unnamed trib. to Wahoo Ditch
6. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Portage County
 - a. Bolingbrook WWTP (Ravenna); unnamed trib. to Cuyahoga River
 - b. Evergreen Village MHP (Shalersville); Harper Ditch
 - c. Jolly Time MHP (Ravenna); unnamed trib. to West Branch Mahoning River
 - d. Fruitlands Farm Market (Deerfield); unnamed trib. to Willow Creek
 - e. Shalersville School (Shalersville); unnamed trib. to Harper’s Ditch
Stark County
 - a. Shady Knoll MHP (Canton); East Branch Nimishillen Creek
Wayne County
 - a. Loki Inc. DBA Ugly Duck (Wooster); unnamed trib. of Apple Creek
 - b. James Moore DBA Lincoln Terrace Estates MHP (Dalton); Newman Creek
 - c. West Salem WWTP (West Salem); Muddy Fork Mohican 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
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
10/4/2023 D88916290-OM	DW	“Northeast Ohio Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Program 2023 Update & PFAS Sampling Procedures”	NEFCO ERTAC	1.5

K. Next meeting: December 6, 2023 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio