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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, December 6, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. November meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. "PFAS: A Scientific and Regulatory Update"; Linda Aller, Principal Hydrogeologist, Bennett & Williams Environmental Consultants, Inc.

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

1. Consideration of a recommendation to the NEFCO Board to approve the final draft FY2024 201/208 Facilities Planning Areas update (memo and final draft updates attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**

E. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. Next annual 201/208 facilities planning areas update (for FY2025 NEFCO Board approval)
2. Ongoing Clean Water (208) Plan, Chapter 4 update; status
3. ODNR announces two [urban forestry grants](#) for disadvantaged communities to reduce stormwater runoff and improve watershed health; application deadline: **December 29, 2023**

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)* or as otherwise noted)

PFAS

1. States expected to boost focus on multidistrict PFAS litigation
2. Kos protein powder 'wellness' claims belied by PFAS, suit says
3. Georgia rug company's deal to stop PFAS pollution gets approved
4. Chemours, EPA face pressure on approved PFAS imports
5. Chemours' PFAS waste imports scrutinized despite EPA's approval
6. PFAS sampling increasingly sought by states renewing permits

7. Cities object to massive PFAS settlements with 3M, DuPont
EPA
8. Environmental nonprofits challenge EPA pesticide decision
Environmental Justice
9. EPA rolls out \$2 billion package for environmental justice
Climate Change
10. Climate crisis fuels wave of resistance to us highway projects
11. Trees can store billions of tons of carbon — but CO2 cuts needed
12. Climate change roiling US will grow deadlier, report warns
13. How to fathom climate change's unfathomable numbers
14. White House regulation plan sets path for tougher climate rules
15. Hawaii is new US hotbed of legal activism to protect climate
16. Ravaged Florida town (Fort Myers Beach) becomes magnet for risk-taking homebuyers
Ohio Fracking
17. Ohio fracking contract fight may hinge on Utica shale definition
Republican' Priorities
18. Anti-ESG (environmental, social and governance movement) House bills struggle to clear competing GOP priorities
19. House Republicans urge EPA to explain 'sue and settle' policy
Drinking Water
20. Michigan lead-tainted water case paused amid immunity appeal
21. 'Final nail in the coffin' as Flint water lawyers drop case
22. EPA says new program will speed lead pipe removal, replacement
Farm Bill
23. Farm Bill crop insurance support key for industry
24. Farm Bill one-year extension gets key backing: farm briefing
Plastics Recycling
25. Plastics' offsets point to next frontier in dubious green claims
26. Plastic treaty talks will test world's ambition to tackle waste
Wetlands Permitting
27. EPA wetlands permitting rule makes state plans 'unattractive'
Water Cybersecurity
28. States toss challenge to now-rescinded water cybersecurity rule
Haz Waste Cleanup
29. Companies to pay \$16 million for hazardous glass cleanup in Ohio

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

1. Draft Rules – Wetland Water Quality Standards Rules (OAC chapter 3745-1); Fact Sheet; Division of Surface Water; deadline for comments: **December 8, 2023**
2. Draft Rules – Section 401 Water Quality Certifications Rules (OAC chapter 3745-32); Fact Sheet; Division of Surface Water; deadline for comments: **December 8, 2023**
3. 'Amend' Rulemaking Governing Administrative Penalties; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; deadline for comments: December 27, 2023
4. No Change Water Quality Standards rules (OAC Chapter 3745-1); Fact Sheet; Division of Surface Water; no comment period associated with this stage of the rulemaking process
5. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program; overview
6. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
Portage Co.
 - a. Synthomer Inc (Mogadore); Wingfoot Lake Outlet
 - b. Pelican Cove Campground (Deerfield); Mahoning River
 - c. Certified Gas Station 410 (Columbus); Bixon Creek
 - d. Kurt Klingelhofer Farm (Atwater); Mahoning River

Stark Co.

a. Republic Steel (Canton); East Branch Nimishillen Creek

Summit Co.

a. Emerald Transformer PPM LLC (Twinsburg); UT to Brandywine Creek
Brandywine Ski Resort (Sagamore Hills); Brandywine Creek

b. Broken Fence WWTP No 32 (Akron); Pancake Creek

c. Camp Christopher (Bath); UT to Yellow Creek

d. Cuyahoga Falls WTP - CF2 (Cuyahoga Falls); Cuyahoga River

7. Proposed Revocation of NPDES Permit

Summit Co.

a. Brentwood Estates WWTP No 24 (Norton); VanHyning 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
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
11/1/2023 B88929465-X	DW & WW	"Brief Overview of Ohio EPA's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program and Near-Term Section 319 Grant Opportunities"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

L. Next meeting: January 3, 2024 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio