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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, April 5, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. March meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. *"Biological and Water Quality Report for the Cuyahoga River Watershed, 2017 and 2018; an overview"*; speaker: Mandy Razzano, Environmental Specialist 2, Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, Division of Surface Water

D. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program

1. NEFCO Board approves the Clean Water (208) Plan Annual FPA Update Guidelines
2. Annual FPA update notification sent to the region's MAs; next steps
3. NEFCO Board approves 208 Plan update for the Wooster FPA
4. Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 7; status
5. NEFCO FY2025 federal funding through Ohio EPA scheduled to increase

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)*)

East Palestine Derailment

1. Norfolk Southern CEO chided in Senate hours after new derailment; BE
2. Norfolk CEO Shaw pledges quick removal of derailment waste; BE
3. Norfolk Southern CEO talks about derailment; BE
4. Norfolk Southern derailment prompts EPA to open Ohio help center; BE
5. Norfolk Southern accused of trying to destroy crash evidence; BE
6. What US government is doing about Ohio chemical train derailment; BE
7. Norfolk Southern cleared by EPA to resume Ohio waste shipments; BE
8. EPA wields Superfund law's big stick in Ohio train wreck cleanup; BE
9. Trump's Ohio visit puts spotlight on his rail-safety record; BE

PFAS

10. DuPont trims Suez Water New York's PFAS contamination lawsuit; BE
11. DuPont de Nemours sues EPA over order seeking PFAS data; BE
12. 'Forever chemicals' deserve far more EPA scrutiny; BE

Waters of the US

13. Industry groups can join 24 states challenging Biden WOTUS rule; BE
14. 'Bizarre' Texas injunction means past US waters rule in effect; BE
15. Judge halts Biden Administration waters rule in Texas, Idaho; BE
16. Waters lawsuits will roll on even as high court weighs in; BE

California Drought

17. California's water problems are far from over; BE
18. California's crippling drought is almost over after big storms; BE
19. Governor Newsom eases groundwater recharge rules as storms hit California; BE
20. California ends some water restrictions after rains ease drought; BE
21. Farmers can't hog the water in parched southwest; BE

California Storms

22. Smashed homes, flooded farms: California storms to cost billions; BE

Miscellaneous

23. Republicans to grasp at climate agriculture funds; BE
24. USDOT grants aim to undo damage from 1960s urban highways; BE
25. US to require cybersecurity checks for drinking water systems; BE

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

1. Director's Testimony:
 - March 15, 2023 — [Testimony on H2Ohio to the House Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Development, and Natural Resources](#)
 - March 15, 2023 — [Testimony on House Bill 33 to the House Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Development, and Natural Resources](#)
 - March 9, 2023 — [Testimony to U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works - Protecting Public Health and Environment in the Wake of the Norfolk Southern Train Derailment and Chemical Release and East Palestine](#)
2. Proposed Rulemaking Governing Nine Voluntary Action Program Rules; deadline for comments; public hearing (virtual and in person): Wednesday, April 12, 2023; 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3. Webinar: Intro to New Construction and Demolition Debris Rules for Community Leaders; Tuesday, April 18, 2023; 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
4. Webinar: Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program - Program Year 2024 Updates; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA); Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5. Construction guidance document updated with BABA forms
6. WSRLA Documents for Review:
 - Ohio Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)
 - Akron Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2022
 - University of Akron Water Main Rehabilitation 2023
7. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Portage County
 - a. St. Nichols Orthodox Church (Mogadore); unnamed trib. to Springfield Lake
 - b. Rivermoor Estates WWTP (Suffield); Wingfoot Lake Outlet
 - Stark County
 - a. City of Canton Water Reclamation Facility (Canton); Nimishillen Creek
 - b. VFW Post 7490 Inc. (Louisville); unnamed trib. to East Branch Nimishillen Creek

Summit County

- a. CITGO Petroleum Corp. (Tallmadge); unnamed trib. to Little Cuyahoga River
- b. Good Vibrations Enterprises, Inc. (Twinsburg); unnamed trib. to Pond Brook
- c. Ken Stewart’s Lodge (Bath); unnamed trib. to North Fork Yellow Creek
- d. Fisherman’s Central (Akron); unnamed trib. of Turkeyfoot Lake

Wayne County

- a. Quality Castings Co. (Orrville); unnamed trib. of Little Chippewa Creek

H. Ohio Environmental Legislation Recently Signed or Introduced (link is provided in red)

- 1. [EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNTY SEWER DISCOUNTED RATES, SB 85](#): To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges.

I. Other Business

J. 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

K. Next meeting: May 3, 2023 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio