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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, May 3, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. April meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. "Mill Pond-Mud Brook Greenway/From Master Plan to Projects"; speaker: Katherine Holmok, Director of Green and Blue Infrastructure, Environmental Design Group

D. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program

1. Clean Water (208) Plan annual FPA update; status
2. Staff holds virtual annual FPA update mapping meeting with the region's MAs; next steps:
 - a. Link to meeting recording to be posted on NEFCO's website
 - b. Staff to send NEFCO's GIS shapefiles to MAs in attendance/any others interested
3. FY2024 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA; status
 - a. Ohio EPA emphasizes the use of these funds for Section 208 planning
 - b. Scope of services being developed by staff for review by Ohio EPA
4. Website maintenance and updating for the 208 Plan; status of Chapter 3 Appendices

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. DOJ sues Norfolk Southern over Ohio train derailment, spill; BE

Federal funding

2. Watchdog tells EPA to tighten up handling of earmarked funds; BE
3. Grants monitoring boosted at EPA in bid to prevent waste; BE

Drinking water

4. Trial on fluoride drinking water science to start in January; BE

Water contamination

5. DuPont sued for water contamination by kidney cancer patient; BE

PFAS

6. Secondhand fashion has a looming PFAS problem; BE
7. PFAS disclosure proposal in Maine closely watched as model; BE
8. EPA defeats groups' bid to compel specific chemours PFAS testing; BE
9. 3M, Wolverine to Pay \$54 million in PFAS dumping settlement; BE

Environmental Justice

10. Biden boosts environmental justice order; BE
11. Biden creates Environmental Justice office at White House; BE

Energy

12. Solar farms allowed to skip environment reports, Ohio court told; BE
13. US plan for nuclear waste storage would boost equity, funding; BE
14. Biden's EV plan needs transmission lines that haven't been built; BE
15. Ohio law requiring public land drilling spurs groups to sue; BE

Climate change

16. Honeybees are predictors of a city's health, study finds; BE
17. House votes to curtail Biden's climate law with first major bill; BE
18. US cities unprepared for climate migration's long tail: study; BE

WOTUS

19. Congress fails to override veto of President's Waters of the U.S. rule; Northeast Midwest Institute

Misc.

20. EPA reports some progress, some delays on its strategic goals; BE

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

1. Construction Stormwater General Permit Renewals webinar; May 17, 2023 1-2 p.m.; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance
2. Draft policy on Criteria for Approving Public Water Supply with Detectable Levels of a Contaminant; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; deadline for comments May 5, 2023
3. Asset Management Rules; deadline extended for comments; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
4. Construction guidance document updated with BABA forms; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance
5. Proposed rulemaking: Monitoring Requirement for disinfectant residues; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; deadline for comments May 17, 2023
6. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Summit County
 - a. Copley Fairlawn High School (Copley); unnamed trib. to Pigeon Creek
 - Wayne County
 - a. Forest View MHP (Wooster); unnamed trib. to Apple Creek
 - b. Trusco Inc. Building 2 (Doylestown); Mill Creek

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
2/1/2023 S88857896-X	WW	"Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network: Engaging Communities in Credible Water Quality Monitoring"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0
3/1/2023 S88869324-X	WW	"Managing watersheds in Summit County: a holistic approach"	NEFCO ERTAC	0.5
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

K. Next meeting: June 7, 2023 at The Natatorium, Erie Room, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio