

# NEFCO

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## MEETING NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

#### Executive Committee

**PLEASE NOTE  
THE MEETING  
ROOM CHANGE**

The Natatorium  
Erie Room  
2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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**Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

#### A. Public comments

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

#### C. Discussion Item

1. *"Upper and Middle Cuyahoga River Watershed Hydrology Crowd Sourcing as a Tool for Watershed Education"; Jessica Glowczewski, Watershed Operations Superintendent, City of Akron Water Supply*

#### D. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program

1. Ongoing voluntary 201/208 Facilities Planning Areas update; deadline for draft update submittals: **June 20, 2023**; status
2. FY2024 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA; status
3. Clean Water (208) Plan, Chapter 4 update; status
4. Draft Portage Lakes Management Plan (PLMP); status and next steps
  - a. Partners met on May 25<sup>th</sup>; will hold fourth/final meeting of the fiscal year in June
  - b. Ohio EPA requests that the NEFCO Board accept the draft PLMP
5. **Consideration by the ERTAC of moving the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to July 12<sup>th</sup> due to the current date being the day after the Independence Day holiday**

#### 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*)

##### Clean Water Act

1. US Supreme Court curbs Clean Water Act in blow to EPA power

##### Stormwater

2. NY doubles investment to make city a natural rainfall sponge

### **Wetlands**

3. Pennsylvania wetland restoration ordered after 35-year battle
4. Biden EPA advances Trump plan for state control of water permits
5. Alaska, Nebraska wetlands takeover tied to federal waters ruling
6. Farmer's challenge to wetlands designation was properly rejected

### **Water Sharing**

7. Colorado River states agree on water use cuts amid drought
8. Colorado River water sharing agreement likely dodges legal fight

### **Drilling Wastewater**

9. Shale drillers are running out of places to put filthy water

### **Climate Change**

10. Supreme Court denies industry bid to examine climate suits
11. Climate change puts us flood insurance program deeper into debt
12. California overestimates water supply by ignoring climate change

### **PFAS**

13. Manufacturer polluted Chattooga River with PFAS, suit says
14. 3M, Tyco, others must face Florida city's PFAS damage claims
15. CoverGirl makeup buyer voluntarily drops hidden PFAS lawsuit
16. Chemours' PFAS challenge affects semiconductors, state cleanups
17. Dupont de Nemours freed by EPA from requirement to test two PFAS

### **Water Funding**

18. Chicago's \$1 billion water deal shows Great Lakes wealth

### **EPA**

19. First-ever youth environment advisory committee proposed by EPA
20. Conservation group gets \$350,000 in fees in Clean Water Act case
21. EPA grants expose cybersecurity, trade secrets to foreign threat
22. Louisiana claims EPA 'fixated on race' in permit decisions

### **Miscellaneous**

23. New York to be first state to ban gas in new buildings
24. SpaceX launch was hastily approved, suit against FAA says
25. Mountain Valley Pipeline faces FERC permitting roadblock

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

1. Brownfield Services and Grant Readiness – Webinar – June 13, 2023; 9-11:50 a.m.; Div. of Environmental Response and Revitalization (DERR)
2. Ohio Brownfields Funding Opportunities – Webinar - June 21, 2023; 1-2 p.m.; Div. of Environmental and Financial Assistance
3. Ohio EPA Regulations in the Community – Webinar - July 12, 2023; 10-11 a.m.; Ohio Compliance Assistance Services; DEFA
4. Ohio EPA Awards H2Ohio grants to communities statewide including seven in the NEFCO region to help public drinking water systems pay for equipment
5. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
  - Portage County
    - a. Montgomery's Pallet Service (Ravenna); West Branch Mahoning River
    - b. Southeast High School (Ravenna); unnamed trib. to Silver Creek
  - Stark County
    - a. 7515 Columbus (Louisville); East Branch Nimishillen Creek
    - b. Canal Fulton Regional WWTP (Canal Fulton); Tuscarawas River
    - c. Thunderbird Terrace MHP (East Canton); unnamed trib. to Sherrick Run
6. Proposed Issuance of Modification of Holding Tank Management Plan
  - Summit County
    - a. 1653 Main St. (Peninsula); no discharge to waters of the state

**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>
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
5/3/2023 S88881911-OM	WW	"Mill Pond-Mud Brook Greenway/From Master Plan to Projects"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

**K. Next meeting: July 5, 2023 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (or as determined at June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting)**