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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, August 2, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A. Public comments

B. July meeting summary (attached)

C. Discussion Item

1. "Stormwater Program Update"; Dan Bogoevski, Environmental Supervisor, Ohio EPA-NEDO, Division of Surface Water

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

1. Consideration of a recommendation to the NEFCO Board to send a support letter and resolution for the City of Akron's Fourth Amendment to the Consent Decree (drafts attached) **ACTION REQUESTED**

E. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. Ohio EPA signs NEFCO's FY2024 Water Quality Management Planning contracts
2. Voluntary annual 201/208 Facilities Planning Areas update; status and next steps
3. NEFCO region sewer projects eligible (subject to Ohio EPA confirmation) for 'principal forgiveness' in Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Program Year 2023 Final Program Management Plan
4. NEFCO Board accepts Portage Lakes Management Plan; staff to post accepted Plan on agency's website

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) Clean Water Act - WOTUS

1. EPA gets pause in appeal of blocked wetlands protection rule
2. States' challenge to Biden's waters rule halted by federal judge
3. Clean Water advocates drop suit after SCOTUS restrains EPA

4. North Carolina cuts wetland rules as states grapple with *Sackett* (Supreme Court ruling)
5. Supreme Court ruling, Analysis: Biden v. Nebraska leaves major questions unanswered
6. EPA proposal clarifies state, tribal control of water permits
7. EPA invokes 'good cause' to avoid public comment on waters rule
8. Supreme Court's wetlands ruling sows state permitting confusion
9. EPA asks Eighth Circuit to halt its appeal of WOTUS injunction
10. Wetlands ruling undercuts permitting challenge, Florida says
11. Texas asks judge to vacate EPA's WOTUS rule in light of *Sackett*
12. Utah landowners lose bid for quick wetlands determination appeal
13. Army Corps halts federal waters decisions after court ruling
14. EPA's revised WOTUS rule planned for Sept. 1
15. EPA plans Waters of US rule by September to comply with ruling
- Federal Appropriations*
16. Drastic cuts for Environment, Interior loom in GOP spending bill
- Flooding*
17. Vermont prepared for epic flooding. it wasn't enough
- PFAS*
18. Maine adopts \$70 million relief plan for farms plagued by PFAS
19. Solvay reaches settlement with NJ on PFAS-related claims
20. DC Attorney General latest to sue 3M, DuPont over PFAS pollution
21. PFAS contaminate nearly half of US tap water, agency finds
- FEMA*
22. FEMA stretched beyond climate response as disasters balloon
- Drinking Water*
23. States failed to subsidize water system improvements under Trump
- Energy*
24. New York hydrogen plant imperiled by policy, plug power warns
25. Billions in US energy funds elusive for resource-strapped cities
- Environmental Justice*
26. US nixes environmental racism probe, sparking advocates' concern
- Climate Change*
27. Mayors join coalition to combat urban heat, other climate risks
28. The environment needs a constitutional amendment to save us all
29. This year is already on track to be the hottest ever recorded
- Miscellaneous*
30. New Jersey sues over NY congestion pricing, cites 'money grab'
31. Sen. Brown announces more than \$2 million for Lake Erie Coastal Management and Economic Development in Ohio (*Senator Brown's office*)

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

1. Emergency Generator Grant online application now available; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; deadline to submit August 4, 2023
2. Navigating Ohio EPA's E-Business Center webinar; registration open; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance; August 22, 2023
3. Ohio EPA DEFA: Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program Year 2024 call for project nominations; deadline August 31, 2023
4. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals
 - Summit County
 - a. Manchester Local School District Nolley and Manchester School (New Franklin); unnamed trib. to Turkeyfoot Lake
 - b. Tri-Cast Ltd. (Akron); unnamed trib. to Tuscarawas River
 - c. City of New Franklin (New Franklin); storm sewer to Turkeyfoot Lake

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
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
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

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