

# NEFCO

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## MEETING NOTICE

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERTAC)

#### Executive Committee

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### A. Public comments

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

#### C. Discussion Item

1. "City of Massillon WWTP – Designing a Major Plant Upgrade for Nutrient Removal within Tight Site Limitations"; Rick Reed, PE, President/CEO, and Dave Kohlmeier, PE, Vice President/Senior Project Engineer, CTI Engineers, Inc.

#### D. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. NEFCO Board approved 208 Plan updates March 2023 through December 2023 submitted to Ohio EPA for state certification
2. Lessons learned from the first annual 201/208 FPA update (attached)
3. Next annual 201/208 FPA update (for NEFCO Board approval in FY2025); general timeline
4. Ongoing Clean Water (208) Plan, Chapter 4 update; status
5. ERTAC meeting schedule and venues in 2024
6. ERTAC Professional Engineer and Operator Continuing Education Credits Tracking 2023

#### 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)* or as otherwise noted)

*Federal Government Enforcement Authority*

1. Why so much rides on Supreme Court's 'Chevron' ruling
  2. Supreme Court weighs toppling ruling that empowers agencies
- PFAS*

3. EPA to release list of known PFAS that companies must report
4. Maine begins PFAS essential use ID process to permit sales
5. EPA's PFAS orders needed to protect public, agency says
6. Updated PFAS guidance for doctors omits follow-up tests

7. 3M, DuPont avoid rehearing in PFAS lawsuit before Sixth Circuit
8. Analysis: PFAS litigation booming amid changing regulation
9. EPA releases rule to limit production of PFAS listed as inactive
10. DuPont's \$1.2 billion PFAS settlement deal has few objectors
- Water Pollution*
11. Manure runoff rule in Michigan creates test of state permitting
- Plastics Pollution*
12. Plastic bag bans fail in every way but one
13. Bottled water contains previously undetected nanoplastics
14. Plastic manufacturer must face certified class in pollution suit
- Federal Environmental Legislation*
15. Hill Energy Brief: WRDA, flood insurance on Congress' to-do list
- EPA*
16. EPA watchdog will embark on a 'year of fighting fraud' in 2024
17. EPA underreported spending amounts by billions, watchdog says
18. EPA sued for failing to update water quality standards list
19. EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Radhika Fox to depart
- Waters of the U.S.*
20. Challenges to EPA's 2020 water rule are moot after 2023 update
- Fracking*
21. Ohio Justices revive fracking waste spat after well shutdown
22. FMC seeks to shift fracking pump inventor fight to federal court
23. Texas frackers face water-disposal bans amid slew of earthquakes
24. Quakes in Texas oil country on the decline amid shale crackdowns
- Water Taxation*
25. Taxing water is the only way to limit use and reduce depletion
26. Taxing groundwater is a sure way to preserve it
- Recyclables*
27. Americans trash three-quarters of recyclables, study finds
- Climate Change*
28. '24 election just might turn on...climate change?
29. SEC climate report rules face legal threat from manufacturers
- Clean Hydrogen*
30. Treasury snarls tax credit process for clean hydrogen production
31. Hill Energy Brief: secretive hydrogen hub talks irk communities
32. Secretive hydrogen hub talks test energy agency community plans
- Miscellaneous*
33. Nature taskforce unveils early adopters in biodiversity push
34. Congestion pricing violates US Constitution, Murphy says
35. IRS victory in land tax case could speed government crackdown
36. Ohio justices will hear arguments on woodlands' tax valuations

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

1. Drinking Water Grant Opportunities available until February 23, 2024, 3:00 p.m. Division of Drinking and Ground Waters:
  - a) Asset management program development grant (for community and not-for-profit non-transient non-community public water systems)
  - b) Source water protection strategies grant (for community public water systems)
  - c) Well abandonment grant (for community public water systems)
2. Water Supply Revolving Loan Account Program Year 2025 Updates and Highlights Webinar; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters and the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance; February 8, 2024

3. Lead Service Line (LSL) Funding Resources Open House meeting materials and webinar recording; Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance; Inventory is due by October 16, 2024
4. Permits to Install and Plan Approvals for Water Pollution Control rules (OAC Chapter 3745-42); Division of Surface Water; Early Stakeholder Outreach; Fact Sheet
5. Implementation of Water Quality Standards rules (OAC Chapter 3745-2) and one NPDES permits rule (OAC Chapter 3745-33); Division of Surface Water; Early Stakeholder Outreach; Fact Sheet
6. Data Quality Guidelines finalized; Division of Environmental Response & Revitalization
7. Proposed Issuance of Modification to NPDES Permit Conditions Stark Co.
  - a. Alliance Tubular Products LLC (Alliance); Mahoning River
8. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals Portage Co.
  - a. Hamlet MHP LLC (Ravenna); West Branch Mahoning River
  - b. Windham WWTP (Windham); UT to South Fork Eagle Creek
  - c. Camp James A Garfield Joint Military Training Center (Windham); UT to Sandy Creek, South Fork Eagle Creek
  - d. Franklin Hills WWTP (Ravenna); Breakneck Creek
  - e. D&S Walker Properties LLC dba Storm Bros Construction (Suffield); Stark Co.
    - a. Timken Steel WTP (Canton); Domer Ditch Summit Co.
    - a. Boston Mills Historic District WWT Wetlands (Boston Twp.); Cuyahoga River
    - b. Fishers Cafe and Pub (Peninsula); Cuyahoga River
    - c. Riverview Court Property (Peninsula); Cuyahoga River

**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
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
12/6/2023 B88942861-OM	DW & WW	"PFAS: A Scientific and Regulatory Update"	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

**K. Next meeting: March 6, 2024 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**