

# 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, March 6, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### A. Public comments

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

#### C. Discussion Item

1. *"This Winter, Use the Right S.A.L.T. (Stuff, Amount, Location, Time)";* Amy Roskilly, Conservation Education and Communications Manager, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District

#### D. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program

1. FY2025 annual 201/208 Facilities Planning Area update begins; status
2. 208 Plan's revised draft Chapter 4 update sent to subcommittee of local health districts for final review; next steps
3. Ohio EPA briefly delays public notification/state certification of submitted NEFCO Board approved 201/208 FPA updates March 2023 through December 2023
4. ERTAC meeting schedule and venues in 2024; input requested for needed June and August meeting venues

#### 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)

##### *Ethanol in gasoline*

1. Midwestern bid to boost ethanol sales set for EPA approval

##### *Recycling*

2. US cardboard recycling isn't keeping up with rising e-commerce

##### *Waters of the US*

3. States say EPA Waters Rule means 'crushing fines' if not vacated
4. Louisiana landowners free of federal regulation under Sackett

*Hydrogen rules*

5. Proposed hydrogen rules may stifle burgeoning economic sector

*Wetlands permitting*

6. USDA method identifying protected wetlands was wrongly changes

7. Court vacates EPA-approved Florida wetlands permitting program

*PFAS*

8. Cities warn of funding struggle as EPA preps PFAS drinking water rule

9. Data on PFAS in some plastics concealed by EPA, lawsuit alleges

10. Seneca County (New York) says Army depot polluted drinking water with PFAS

11. DuPont \$1.18 billion PFAS settlement gets final court approval

12. Alabama carpet PFAS contamination suit sent back to state court

13. Industries must clean up PFAS waste under proposed EPA rules

14. Chemours PFAS case hangs on legal consequence of EPA's advisory

*Climate Change*

15. Climate change is fueling a new type of anxiety around the world

16. Climate anxiety can feel like 'there's no safe harbor'

17. A growing climate threat is putting Californians' health at risk

18. John Podesta to replace Kerry as top US climate diplomat

*EPA technical assistance for WWTPs*

19. EPA expands technical assistance for wastewater system upgrades

*Fracking in Ohio*

20. Franklin County, Ohio Judge's ruling paves way for fracking on public land

*Biden Environmental Justice*

21. President Biden environmental justice goals face headwinds in courtrooms

*Cross-state pollution*

22. Supreme Court questions timing of 'good neighbor' challenge

*Miscellaneous*

23. Southern California Edison to pay \$80 million for 2017 wildfire

24. Vulnerable Democrats eye ban on foreign US land buys

25. Chevron rule decision holds weight for Clean Air Act regulations

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

1. Interested Party Review - 'Amend' Rulemaking Governing Water Distribution System Disruption of Service; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; comments are due by March 22, 2024
2. Early Stakeholder Outreach - Maximum Contaminant Levels & Point of Entry Devices; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; comments are due by March 22, 2024
3. Coal Combustion Residuals Rules; Division of Materials and Waste Management; comments are due by March 22, 2024
4. Proposed Rulemaking Governing Administrative Penalties; Division of Drinking and Ground Waters; comments are due by April 5, 2024
5. Proposed Revocation of NPDES Permit  
Portage Co.
  - a. J&B Real Estate Management Co Inc (Mantua); UT to Aurora Branch Chagrin River
6. Draft NPDES Permit Renewals  
Portage Co.
  - a. Miller Transfer & Rigging Co (Edinburg); UT to Silver Creek
  - b. Palmyra Little Village Shopper LLC (Diamond); Kale Creek  
Stark Co.
    - a. Whinery Elm Inn (Alliance); UT to East Branch Nimishillen Creek  
Summit Co.
      - a. Don-EI Motel (Boston); UT to Mud Brook

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

1. [STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK](#), **HB 426**: To designate the first week of October as "Stormwater Awareness Week."

**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>
2/7/2024 S88956293-OM	WW	City of Massillon WWTP – Designing a Major Plant Upgrade for Nutrient Removal within Tight Site Limitations	NEFCO ERTAC	1.0

**K. Next meeting: April 3, 2024 at The Natatorium, Hopewell Room, 2345 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio**