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## Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission


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**DATE:** January 22, 2026

**TO:** Commissioners/Proxies/All Attendees

**FROM:** Sam Dinkins, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** Transmittal of Resource Materials and Schedule for 244<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting and 240<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee Meeting – Embassy Suites RiverCenter, Covington, Kentucky February 10-12, 2026

Enclosed for your information are the agendas, attachments and related resource documents for the upcoming 244<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting, as well as the 240<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee (TEC) Meeting to be held both in-person and virtually on February 10-12, 2026 in Covington, Kentucky at the Embassy Suites RiverCenter. The hotel address is 10 East RiverCenter Boulevard in Covington, Kentucky 41011; the telephone number is 859-261-8400. Overnight self-parking in the attached garage at the hotel is \$16 with unlimited in and out privileges (garage guide attached) and valet is \$40 per night. Check-in time is 4:00 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am. Please note that *overnight guests receive complimentary made-to-order breakfast in the breakfast area (next to meeting room)*. We will also have breakfast breads and yogurt available in the meeting room in the morning.

The Technical Committee (TEC) Meeting will begin on Tuesday, February 10, starting at 1:00 pm and concluding at 5 pm. The Technical Committee will meet again Wednesday, February 11, starting at 9:00 am and concluding at noon. After a lunch break, there will be a Roundtable at 1:15 pm followed by an Executive Session for Commissioners and Proxies. The 244<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting will be held on Thursday morning, February 12, at 9:00 am (all times are ET).

Approximately one week prior to the meetings, Commissioners, Proxies, Technical Committee members, Advisory Committee members and interested parties receiving this agenda communication will automatically receive an email that includes detailed information and instructions on how to participate virtually. Those planning to attend in person can still expect to receive this email. Members of these groups do not need to register to attend virtually; however, members of the public and any other interested parties that are not already members of these groups will be required to register to attend virtually by Monday, February 9, 2026. To register, please visit [www.orsanco.org/registration](http://www.orsanco.org/registration) and submit the registration form. A link to register is also available on [www.orsanco.org](http://www.orsanco.org) under the "News" section.

Some additional background on the scheduled events and agenda items follow:

**Tuesday, February 10:**

12:00 Noon	Lunch for Commissioners, TEC, guests and staff
1:00 P.M.	Technical Committee Meeting – TEC’s meeting agenda includes: A USGS presentation on exposure effects of PFAS contaminants on aquatic organisms in Pennsylvania streams; USEPA presentation on the Ohio River HABs predictive model; Updates on real-time bacteria monitoring technologies; Report on long-term temporal water quality trends of the Ohio River and major tributaries; Update on 2025 Ohio River water quality conditions; ORSANCO program updates for the Water Quality, Source Water Protection and Emergency Response, Biological, and Communications and Outreach programs; TEC member reports; Status of the 2026 Biennial Assessment of Ohio Water Quality Conditions (305(b) report); and a discussion of Monitoring Strategy outcomes and FY17 program priorities.
6:00 P.M.	Dinner (optional) – To be determined

**Wednesday, February 11:**

7:30 A.M.	Audit Committee Meeting (Audit Committee members)
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Technical Committee Meeting continues
12:00 Noon	Lunch for Commissioners, TEC, guests and staff
1:15 P.M.	Roundtable Issues Forum – Background information on the Forum topics follows:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Data Center Development in the Ohio River Basin: The Ohio Valley has become a key region over the past decade in the rapid growth of data centers nationally. The region’s abundant and affordable power and water supplies make it a prime area for development of data centers, which are needed to power the exponential growth of artificial intelligence (AI) computing. Guest speakers from Ohio River Basin states will provide perspectives on this rapidly growing field followed by a roundtable discussion on the potential water resource implications.</li></ol>
3:00 P.M.	Executive Session of Commissioners – Commissioners/Proxies only
5:30 P.M.	Chair’s Reception
6:30 P.M.	Dinner at hotel

**Thursday, February 12:**

9:00 A.M.

244<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting – Background information on some of the agenda items follows:

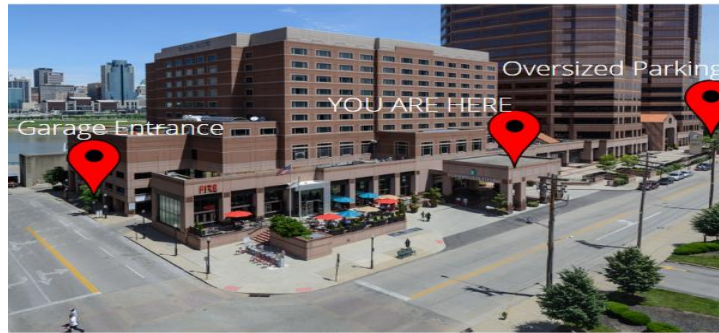
**Item 1** – The Chair will be providing his report including recognition of employees reaching 5-year employment milestones.

**Item 3** – A report by the Audit Committee Chair, John Hoopingarner and ORSANCO's Auditor will be given on ORSANCO's FY25 independent auditor report.

**Item 6** – A report by Technical Committee Chair, Jeff Hurst will report on outcomes of the February 10-11 Technical Committee Meeting.

We look forward to meeting with you next month.

## Embassy Suites Rivercenter – Parking Guide



The lobby is located 1 floor above ground level. When entering from the front entrance you will need to enter the hotel, and take the first set of elevators to the “L” Lobby Level to reach the Front Desk.

### Directions to the parking garage entrance:

The garage entrance is located on the small street (Madison Ave) between Marriott and Embassy Suites. From the main entrance you will drive to the right of the building towards the Marriott, at the stop sign turn right, and the entrance for the garage is on the right.

Parking is available in the attached, covered garage connected to the Embassy Suites. Please do not park in the lot across the street, as we cannot validate those tickets.

### Oversized parking:

From the main entrance you will drive to the left and come to a stop sign. At that stop sign you will continue straight, as you come to the other side of the intersection you will take the only left. If you’ve gone under the bridge underpass, you’ve gone too far. Once you make the left, you will come through the parking turn style straight back to the flood wall, and turn left. Here you will find parking for oversized vehicles. If you continue straight you find additional oversized parking options.

### ADA parking:

Handicap parking is located on levels G1 (1 level below street level) & G4 of the Garage. G1/G4 level garage elevator goes directly to “SL” Street Level and “L” Lobby level.

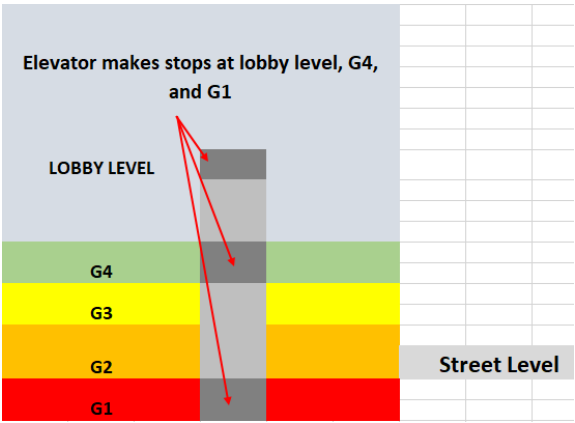
### Entering the Embassy Suites from the parking garage:

G1 and G4 levels have direct elevator access to our lobby. Follow the signs for the hotel entrance once in the garage.

If you park on G2 or G3 please note there is no direct access to the hotel, you will need to come up steps in order to get to the hotel elevator.

Take all elevators to “L” for Lobby Level to reach the Front Desk, and “SL” Street Level for the hotel entrance to Rivercenter Blvd.

Embassy Suites Rivercenter – Parking Guide



**\*When you enter the garage a parking ticket will be printed for you. Each time you enter/exit the parking garage you will receive a new parking ticket that will need to be validated each time at the Front Desk\***



**244<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting**  
**Embassy Suites RiverCenter**  
**Covington, Kentucky**  
**Virtual for Guests**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026**  
**9:00 A.M. (ET)**

**Chair Joseph Harrison, Jr., Presiding**

## **COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**QUORUM CALL** – Commissioner Secretary/Treasurer Lou Wallace

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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Introduction of Guests and Staff
  - Comments by Guests on Commission Agenda Items
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### **COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Report of the Chair – Commission Chair Joseph Harrison, Jr.
    - Recognition of Indiana Commissioner John Kupke
    - Recognition of Illinois Commissioner Toby Frevert
    - Recognition of Staff Reaching Five-Year Employment Milestones
    - Chair Comments
  2. Report of the Executive Director – Sam Dinkins
    - Executive Director Comments
  3. Report of the Audit Committee – Commissioner John Hoopingarner
  4. Action on Minutes of October 9, 2025 – Commissioner Lou Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer
  5. Report of the Treasurer – Commissioner Lou Wallace, Commission Secretary/Treasurer
  6. Report and Recommendations; February 10-11 Technical Committee Meeting – Commissioner Proxy Jeff Hurst, Committee Chair
  7. Report of the Personnel Committee – Commissioner George Elmaraghy, Committee Chair
  8. Report of the Water Users Advisory Committee – Chris Bobay, Committee Chair
  9. Report of the Public Information Advisory Committee – Betsy Mallison Bialosky, Committee Chair
  10. Report of the Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee – Heather Hulton VanTassel, Committee Chair
  11. Report of the Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee – Reese Johnson, Committee Chair
  12. Report of the Industry Advisory Committee – Kathy Beckett, Committee Chair
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### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Comments by Guests/Others
- Upcoming Commission Meetings
  - June 9-11, 2026 French Lick, Indiana
  - October 6-8, 2026 Knoxville, Tennessee (Tentative)
  - February 9-11, 2027 Covington, Kentucky
- Adjourn

# OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**244<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting**  
**Embassy Suites RiverCenter**  
**Covington, Kentucky**  
**with Virtual for Guests**  
**February 10-12, 2026**  
**(All Times ET)**

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b><u>Tuesday, February 10, 2026:</u></b>		
10:30 A.M.	FORE Board Meeting (FORE Board members only)	Taylor Boardroom
12:00 P.M.	TEC Luncheon	Atrium
1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	TEC Meeting	Captain's View/ City View Ballroom
4:00 PM	Public Interest Advisory Committee Members Meeting (PIACO Members)	Taylor Boardroom
6:00 P.M.	Dinner (Optional)	TBD
<b><u>Wednesday, February 11, 2026:</u></b>		
7:30 A.M.	Audit Committee Meeting (Audit Committee Members)	Taylor Boardroom
9:00 A.M.	TEC Meeting – Continued	Captain's View/ City View Ballroom
12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Lunch	Atrium
1:15 P.M.	Roundtable	Captain's View/ City View Ballroom
3:00 P.M.	Executive Session of Commissioners (Commissioners/Proxies only)	Captain's View/ City View Ballroom
5:30 P.M.	Chair's Reception	NEAT Bar
6:30 P.M.	Dinner (Optional)	Roebing Ballroom
<b><u>Thursday, February 12, 2026:</u></b>		
9:00 A.M.	Commission Meeting	Captain's View/ City View Ballroom

**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Chair	<b>Number:</b> 1
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Sam Dinkins <b>Presentation by:</b> Chair Joseph Harrison, Jr.		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Chair Joe Harrison, Jr. will introduce a resolution honoring Indiana Commissioner John Kupke's service to ORSANCO.
- Chair Joe Harrison, Jr. will recognize ORSANCO staff members who have reached five-year employment milestones of dedicated service to ORSANCO including:
  - Emilee Harmeling 5 years
  - Nick Guthier 5 years
  - Matt Glazer 15 years
  - Tracey Edmonds 30 years
- Chair Joe Harrison, Jr. will provide brief comments.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Staff recommends that the Commission **adopt Resolution 26-1 to recognize former Indiana Commissioner John Kupke for distinguished service to the Commission, its partners and the citizens of the Ohio River Basin.**
- Staff recommends that the Commission **adopt Resolution 26-2 to recognize former Illinois Commissioner Toby Frevert for distinguished service to the Commission, its partners and the citizens of the Ohio River Basin.**
- Recognition of five-year milestones is for information only.
- Chair comments are for information only.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Chair presides at all meetings, appoints committees, signs all official orders or other official documents of the Commission, and performs all other duties appropriate to the office of the Chair of the Commission.
- The Vice Chair presides at the Commission Meeting in the absence of the Chair.
- The Chair serves as the Chair of the Executive Committee and may participate in the deliberations of any committee created by the Commission.
- The Chair's term of office is July 1 through June 30.



**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Executive Director	<b>Number:</b> 2
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Sam Dinkins <b>Presentation by:</b> Executive Director Sam Dinkins		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Executive Director will provide a report on ORSANCO activities since the October 9, 2025 ORSANCO Commission Meeting.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- For information only

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Executive Director is the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, and administrative head of the Commission staff.
- The Executive Director performs such duties including the signing of contracts as may be assigned by the Commission, the Chair or the Executive Committee.

**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Audit Committee	<b>Number:</b> 3
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Bob Wehmeier/Nick Guthier <b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair John Hoopingarner		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- A single audit is being performed by Clark Schaefer Hackett for period ending June 30, 2025.
- The audit director from Clark, Schaefer will present the audit findings to the Audit Committee on February 11, 2026 and provide an opportunity to discuss the findings.
- The Audit Committee will report on the audit and outcomes of its February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the February 12, 2026 Commission meeting.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Any Audit Committee recommendations from the February 11, 2026 meeting that need to be approved by the Commission will be presented at the Thursday, February 12, 2026 Commission meeting.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Audit Committee shall be composed of at least three Commissioners. It shall review the outside auditor's year-end report and shall present it to the Commission. It shall have authority to conduct an audit of all books and accounts of the Commission at any time. The Audit Committee, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission immediately prior to the beginning of each new fiscal year, shall present for approval by the Commission a recommendation for designation of a certified public accountant to serve as outside auditor for the next fiscal year.
- Current Committee members include Commissioners John Hoopingarner (Chair), Spencer Bruce (Pension Committee Chair), Douglas Conroe, David Miracle, Holly Christmann, Tom Branin.

Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Adoption of October 9, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes	<b>Number:</b> 4
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>October 9, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Tracey Edmonds <b>Presentation by:</b> Commission Secretary/Treasurer Lou Wallace		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The draft minutes of the October 9, 2025 Commission meeting were prepared by staff and reviewed in draft form by Commission Secretary/Treasurer Douglas Conroe.
- The minutes were subsequently distributed to Commissioners on January 22, 2026.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- The Secretary/Treasurer recommends **adoption of the October 9, 2025 Commission meeting minutes as presented** because they reflect the proceedings of the meeting.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

N/A

**OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**243<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting  
Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront  
Covington, Kentucky  
Thursday, October 9, 2025**

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# **OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES**

**243<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting  
Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront  
Covington, Kentucky  
Thursday, October 9, 2025**

**Chair Joseph Harrison, Jr., Presiding**

### **Call to Order**

Chair Joe Harrison, Jr. called the 243<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission to order at 9:01 A.M., Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Chair Harrison asked Jason Heath to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Quorum Call**

Commissioner Lou Wallace certified that a quorum was present (see Roster of Attendance, page 10).

### **Report of the Chair**

Commission Chair Harrison welcomed everyone to Covington, Kentucky. He recognized new Commissioners and Proxies - Jeremy Bandy, John Webb, Clint Woods and Kevin Halloran. He then asked outgoing Chair David Flannery to join him to present him with a gift as outgoing Chair. He thanked him for his outstanding leadership. Commissioner Flannery thanked everyone. He then presented Resolution 6-25 for retiring Commissioner Proxy Scott Mandirola.

Chair Harrison then asked Jason Heath, ORSANCO's Technical Programs Director, to join him to present Resolution 7-25 for his retirement.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Flannery, second by Commissioner Potesta and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 6-25 as presented.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Harrison, second by Commissioner Conroe and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 7-25 as presented.

Chair Harrison took a moment to thank Executive Director Sam Dinkins, staff, Commission members and all committees for preparing and organizing these meetings. He looks forward to working with everyone during the next year.

### **Report of the Executive Director**

Executive Director Sam Dinkins reported on a very busy and rewarding time - the mega sweep held the previous Saturday, the River Roots Festival, the cruise on Natchez Steamboat and multiple committee meetings. He thanked everyone for their help and support. He welcomed Jeff Hurst as the new Chair of the Technical Committee. Scott Mandirola will be missed with his retirement.

He has been in his new role as Executive Director for almost one year. The year was full of changes, one of the more significant changes being Jason Heath's retirement. Jason has been with ORSANCO since 1989 and made tremendous contributions to all aspects of the Technical programs. We are still working out the details on how Jason's retirement will impact the staff structure and will keep the Commission apprised of any staff realignments.

ORSANCO finally received the FY25 106 grant from EPA which was nearly a \$1.5 million dollar grant. The grant was \$2,000 less than the FY24 grant, so a minor reduction. We also received approval of the FY25 EPA monitoring initiative grant, a much smaller grant received each year for special projects in the amount of \$66,000. We applied for a congressional direct spending funding opportunity through Senator Capito's office. This was a similar request we had made previously to former Senator Sherrod Brown's office to replace Organic Detection System equipment. The Sherrod Brown grant was approved and we are actively working to replace some of those units on Ohio. Unfortunately our request we made through West Virginia was not approved and will not be advanced for funding consideration. We will reevaluate next spring whether or not to apply for additional congressional direct spending opportunity.

ORSANCO hosted a mega Ohio River Sweep event which included numerous local sites in the Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and southeast Indiana stretch of the river. There were also numerous sites along the full length of the river. He gave a special thanks to Annette and her staff including Rachel, Elizabeth and Nick. Some 500 people came out to cleanup the river, so kudos to all the site coordinators, volunteers that came to clean up trash and all the corporate sponsors. It was a tremendous success. Life Below the Waterline, our mobile aquarium, will be on display as part of America's River Roots Festival. He thanked all the staff that will be working throughout the weekend during the festival.

Director Dinkins also provided an update on the Ohio River Restoration legislation. A new updated version of the legislation will come out any day. Congressman McGarvey and Congresswoman Houchin first introduced the legislation in December 2024. The legislative language was modified and anticipated to be reintroduced to Congress in the coming weeks. The current government shutdown may play a factor. Of note, the revised language includes authorization for \$350 million per year for a 5-year period and would be up for renewal after that. The legislation now calls for the creation of an advisory council which would be created to develop, implement and update the restoration program. The council will include representatives from all basin states, all tribes in the basin, and ORSANCO is also mentioned as a council member. The new language would make interstate entities (such as ORSANCO) eligible for grant funding. That was a request we made through the special resolution adopted by the Commission in May. We also requested that the legislation include a stronger role for the states to develop, implement and update that plan and that is exactly what they have done through the creation of the advisory council. They have not yet added a general authorization for ORSANCO to receive monies directly from EPA for administration of any activities associated with the restoration program. The Commission will continue to have dialogue on this and continue to develop language and ideas on how to approach that issue.

All Commissioners should have received the current annual report. You should have received an e-mail request for preference of delivering this to each Governor of the states and the President for Federal Commissioners. Please let us know if you prefer to hand deliver, or have ORSANCO distribute the report on your behalf.

### **Permit Reviews**

Staff received and reviewed 10 NPDES permits (1 draft, 1 modifications, 3 finals) to ensure compliance with provisions of ORSANCO's Pollution Control Standards. The reviews were completed in accordance with the established PCS Implementation Procedures.

No issues were identified with the permits reviewed which include the following:

1. Ohio Valley Electric Corp, Kyger Creek Station (OH0005282) at ORM 260
2. First Trust Centre, Inc. (KY0111627) at ORM 603.9
3. Duke Energy Indiana, LLC –Gallagher Generating Station (IN0002798) at ORM 610
4. Kosmos Cement Company, LLC, (KY0001210) at ORM 627.3
5. Illinois American Water-Rosiclare-STP (IL0034207) at ORM 891.5

## **Action on Minutes**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Wallace, second by Commissioner Branin and unanimously carried, that the minutes of the 242<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Commission, be adopted as presented.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

Commissioner Lou Wallace, provided the following report:

A Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2025 has been provided for this meeting.

The report indicates a balance of \$648,208 in accounts receivable due the Commission. The balance represents \$448,823 due from federal sources, \$37,300 due from signatory states, and \$162,084 due from other sources.

Additionally, the report indicates receipts of \$2,863,529 plus carryover of \$3,917,794 totaling \$6,781,323 through the end of June 2025. Of that amount \$4,099,146 was expended on programs, leaving \$2,682,177 available for the continuation of ORSANCO's programs.

## **Report of the Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee convened for its 239<sup>th</sup> meeting over the last two days. All eight states, two federal agencies, and five advisory committees were present. The committee recognized Kevin Halloran with Pennsylvania DEP, and Scott Mandirola, West Virginia DEP (retired) and former TEC Chair, for their service, and welcomed new member Christine Phillips with Pennsylvania DEP, Jeremy Bandy with West Virginia DEP, and Krystina Garabis who is the new chair of the Power Industry Advisory Committee.

## **Tuesday Tour of Thomas More Biology Field Station**

Yesterday afternoon, TEC members, Commissioners and staff toured the Thomas More University Biology Field Station, along the Ohio River in Kentucky, about 18 miles upstream from here. They are located in the former site of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Lock and Dam 35, which was a wicket dam, and later replaced with the current system. The facility supports freshwater biology research, as well as a training and learning center for university students, as well as programs supporting public education. It is also part of ORSANCO's Organic Detection System which houses a gas chromatograph and delivers Ohio River water to the unit. A special thanks for hosting us to Dr. Chris Lorentz, Thomas More University Professor, and Director of the Biology Field Station, and Molly Williams, Field Station Manager, and also for their support of ORSANCO's ODS continuous monitoring station.

## **MSDGC's PFAS Action Plan: Credibility Where it Counts and Strategic PFAS Work**

Prior to the field station tour, Scott Bessler, with the Municipal Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, presented on MSD's PFAS Action Plan to understand the sources, transport, and fate of PFAS in their collection and treatment systems. Results of the studies should inform strategies to minimize PFAS coming into and leaving their system. One interesting finding of the study is that wastewater oxidation treatment processes may increase PFAS levels.

## **Long-term Analysis of Water Quality Trends in ORSANCO's Bimonthly and Clean Metals Constituents**

Riley Lanfear, ORSANCO staff, presented interim results of a fifteen year trends analysis on ORSANCO's bimonthly and metals water quality data. Suitable data for trends analyses were determined using sensitivity tests on non-detect substitution methods and flow normalization. The Seasonal Kendall test was used to determine presence of positive or negative trends at each parameter and monitoring station from 2009-2024 using concentration data and flows from the Ohio River HEC-RAS Community Model. Many water chemistry and clean metals parameters were found to be decreasing on a basin-wide basis. There were several parameters with increasing trends on a basin-wide basis, most notably temperature.

There is still work to be completed including a final report, so TEC will continue to receive reports on this topic until complete.

### **ORSANCO Monitoring Strategy Review**

Jason Heath, ORSANCO staff, reported on activities of the Monitoring Strategy Committee. The committee has met on July 31 to review all of ORSANCO's monitoring programs, and begin discussions on identifying efficiencies that would not affect the information needs of ORSANCO's partners. A survey for this purpose was sent to the committee, and staff has received responses from all six mainstem states and some advisory committees. A summary of survey responses was presented to TEC. In follow up, a detailed summary of responses will be provided to the Monitoring Strategy Committee for further consideration and development of specific recommendations that would be presented to TEC and the Commission prior to any action being taken.

### **Source Water Protection and Emergency Response Programs Update**

Lila Ziolkowski reported that staff attended Source Water Protection meetings for USEPA Region 3, and assisted the Ohio River Source Water Alliance (ORSWA) with a boat survey to view potential contaminant sources in the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati zone of critical concern (appx 25 miles upstream of intakes). Staff also participated in the Mississippi River Watershed Partnership (MRWP)-a new collaboration aimed at addressing a variety of concerns and impacts to the Mississippi River watershed. MRWP hopes to continue to have ORSANCO's input for addressing water quality and spill discharge issues at the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Staff was also asked to participate in Emergency Response functional training exercises for Marathon Petroleum in Huntington WV and Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at the new Purina Facility in Batavia, OH and real time field testing an emergency response data input platform in Owensboro, KY. Staff is preparing to re-convene the Ohio River Focus group meetings (first in-person since COVID) starting with the Cincinnati area Focus group in November. These meetings were a platform for different emergency response partners within a geographic sub-area to get together become familiar with each other prior to a significant event or disaster.

For the Senator Brown Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grant, USEPA approved ORSANCO's grant amendment to use a portion of the funding to acquire a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Analyzer (current system is obsolete) and to obtain a new boat. The original grant proposal allocated funds for GCMS station at Portsmouth, OH; however, this site is currently undergoing extensive capital improvements and their laboratory is inaccessible at times, so putting a new GCMS system at that site is not practical, so staff proposed to use funding for this site to further enhance rapid response surveillance capabilities and sustain more imminent program needs. ORSANCO has until the end of the calendar year to expend the grant award of \$688,000.

Staff received training on the portable GCMS and will begin pilot testing and field deployment testing. Staff received the research lab GCMS unit and waiting for an install and training date. This system will replace the current system at ORSANCO.

Regarding the Commission's Organics Detection System (ODS), there were no reports of significant detections from the ODS since last TEC meeting.

### **Biological Programs Update**

Ryan Argo reported that probabilistic biological surveys were completed in three Ohio River pools this field season. Three biological field crew leaders have left ORSANCO recently, one position has been refilled with Erin Linko, while there are plans to fill another position early next year. He also reported that ORSANCO will be kicking off the 305b data assessment process, with results and a report at the February TEC meeting.



### **Water Quality Monitoring Programs Update**

Greg Youngstrom, ORSANCO staff, presented an update on the status of Monitoring and Assessment programs. Along with routine sampling at the 6 largest CSO communities, the Contact Recreation program provided support for Paddlefest, The Great Ohio River Swim, and River Sweep events. Additionally, the real-time bacteria monitoring project funded by a WV 604b grant will continue until the end of this season.

The Hypoxia Task Force Coordinating Committee met in Washington DC September 22 and 23. Primary discussion points were the upcoming Task Force meeting in December and the announcement of progress on the interim goal of reducing nitrogen and phosphorus by 20% by 2025.

ORSANCO staff investigated multiple reports of harmful algae blooms. A bloom was identified in the Smithland pool in August. Microcystin toxin was present at levels below the recreation advisory levels throughout the pool.

In September, a bloom was identified in the Racine pool. Microcystin was present above the recreation advisory level at 2 locations. Follow-up sampling found the bloom had quickly dissipated and toxin concentrations were below the advisory level.

### **Report of the Program & Finance Committee**

Commissioner Conroe, Committee Chair, gave the following report:

He acknowledged Brewster Rhoads and thanked him for attending. The Program & Finance Committee had an extraordinary meeting last week in regards to budgeting and status of funds. The FY25 funds came forward just in time and the FY26 looks encouraging. They will concentrate on monitoring that because it is critical that Commissioners be kept abreast of funding as we move forward to develop FY26 budgeting. We discussed contingency planning given the lag in reimbursements that occurs from time to time. We are recommending to the Commission that we establish a line of credit that we have no expectation of using at this point in time, but we want to be prepared if we have to if reimbursements are slow coming. Therefore, he is recommending on behalf of the Committee that the Commission authorize staff to move forward with obtaining a line of credit for the Commission in the amount of \$600,000. This will take some time and the Program & Finance Committee will follow-up at the February Commission meeting with details and parameters as to how the credit line may be utilized. At this point, we think it is important to get the line of credit in place and then should we have an extraordinary unexpected need to use it, we could call a special commission action to do so if we cannot wait until February. We certainly believe at this point there is no reason not to be able to wait until February. We are in solid financial condition and have good reserves. Therefore, Commissioner Conroe moved the Commission authorize staff to move forward with obtaining a line of credit in the amount not to exceed \$600,000 which is the amount of reserves on hand to back up the credit.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Conroe, second by Commissioner Flannery and unanimously carried, that the Commission authorize staff to move forward with obtaining a line of credit not to exceed \$600,000 to be secured by the current reserve funds, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Conroe also noted that the organization is going through an accounting software change from one vendor to another, cloud based, and will save us annual operating funds for licensing and will increase staff's availability to utilize financial reports. The current system is awkward and time consuming.

### **Ohio River Way National Trail Designation Guest Presentation**

Forest Clevenger, Ohio River Way, provided a guest presentation on the Ohio River Way National Trail which was officially designated as a National Water Trail earlier this year. The Ohio River Way Trail connects communities across Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio and accounts for 308 miles. He presented key projects they are working on.

## **Report of the Water Users Advisory Committee (WUAC)**

Peter Goodman for Committee Chair, Chris Bobay, presented the following report:

- Good participation of utility stakeholders which is improving and the WUAC is very much trying to host topical meetings that add value for those stakeholders

### **Ohio River Algae Bloom Update**

- The ORSANCO team discussed recent algae bloom activities in the Ohio River,
  - No extant blooms this season but very high water temps provided an ecosystem ripe for blooms and taste and odor issues.
  - Significant bloom at Hockingport with 294,000 cells per mL, primarily microcystis.
- Transitioning from the Elisa method to the Cast Cube system for rapid detection, with delivery expected in November.
- Plans to expand story map documentation to better track and display algae trends and results.

### **Monitoring Strategy Cost-Saving Survey**

- Discussed a monitoring strategy questionnaire aimed at identifying potential cost-saving opportunities without compromising essential data needs.

### **PFAS Monitoring and Treatment Strategies**

- The meeting focused on PFAS monitoring and compliance issues, particularly regarding recent elevated levels of Gen X and PFOA in the river.
- Louisville Water and GCWW provided data about PFAS occurrences to plaintiffs in a Clean Water Act citizen suit against Chemours, these utilities are not parties to the litigation.
- Discussed current monitoring efforts, with Louisville implementing both external lab testing and internal LCMS testing, which provides faster results but only weekly samples.
- Highlighted the need for better communication about PFAS findings/trends; discussed if parties are interested in having a regular means of communication for PFAS results, such as an email chain, or a story map similar to how the HAB response was done.
  - ORSANCO will discuss options and will try to be the liaison for communication amongst water utilities.
- Discussed sharing more info re potential treatment strategies,

### **Water Quality Monitoring and Treatment**

- Discussed seasonal water-quality monitoring and treatment, including challenges with ongoing taste and odor issues, particularly MIB levels.
- Shared updates on monitoring protocols including PFAS testing, algae monitoring, and carbon treatment strategies.
- Facility-specific updates from Pittsburgh Water, GCWW, Louisville, Evansville, and other locations, with most reporting elevated taste and odor levels but no significant HAB events.
  - Louisville Water is for 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year @ x2 PAC budget due to MIB issues.
- Next meeting was scheduled for January 27-28, 2026, and Chris
- Upcoming corrosion control and Partnership for Safe Water conferences on December 9 in Louisville.

## **Report of the Public Information Advisory Committee**

Committee Chair, Betsy Mallison Bialosky, reported the following:

PIACO met to discuss vacancies on the committee. There are vacancies from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and the committee will work on filling those in 2026.

The committee also discussed logistics on moving the River Sweep back to a one day event to capitalize on press and a new collaborative committee that unites PIACO, PIOs and emergency response managers to align with Technical Committee priorities including putting together background materials, fact sheets and releases on the key issues. This item is a priority and we will be pursuing it in 2026.

Staff gave an update on activities. This year there have been over 5,051 Sweep volunteers which have collected over 154.6 tons of trash and 382 tires over 154 river miles. 10,587 people were reached through 16 programs in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. The RiverReach program has added 4 new events, and the RiverWatch program has added two new schools. There were also ten community events that reached over 10,244 people. The annual report has been completed and is ready for distribution.

### **Report of the Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee (WOAC)**

Heather Hulton VanTassel, Committee Chair, presented the following report:

We recognize and understand ORSANCO's need to reduce sampling and monitoring due to budget constraints. However, ORSANCO's primary operations focus on monitoring programs to check for pollutants and toxins that may interfere with specific uses of the river, and reducing sampling efforts can drastically impact that ability. We recommend that ORSANCO dive deeper into their sampling and monitoring data to determine where redundancies are (same results regardless of timing and geographic location) and reduce redundancies rather than whole sampling programs. We also recommend that ORSANCO take a lead on reaching out to and working with nonprofits, watershed groups, universities, and other data-collecting entities to compile the suite of data of all entities to supplement and improve upon the monitoring efforts of ORSANCO. This could provide multiple benefits by providing necessary monitoring data to ORSANCO while creating a collective database of water quality data across the basin for interested stakeholders.

The watershed organization's advisory committee would also like to make recommendations regarding the Environmental Justice work of ORSANCO. We recommend that ORSANCO not reduce any monitoring or education efforts that are currently taking place in and around EJ communities. Removing any programming or monitoring will only further reduce the access to information and services that these communities desperately need.

We also request that ORSANCO recognize their ability to use monitoring data for good outcomes to protect the basin. ORSANCO completed an extensive PFAS monitoring effort, and it would be unfortunate if there were no efforts for source identification. ORSANCO is poised to work with industries across the basin, and source identification could help ORSANCO to work with facilities to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, PFAS discharges. While there are currently no set limits, it is clear that action needs to be taken, and ORSANCO can work with industries to create best management practices to prevent PFAS discharges into the basin - a drinking water source for our shared communities of more than 5 million people.

Furthermore, some watershed organizations are actively working to reduce PFAS in their communities, and ORSANCO can utilize their partners to be more effective for this effort. For example, WV Rivers is working with WVDEP and impacted communities. Together, they are holding community meetings to hear the voices of the community on action plans on 11 water systems with high PFAS levels to work together for solutions. Finally, as a group of watershed organizations, we overwhelmingly support a restoration plan to the Ohio River Basin, particularly one that emphasizes ecological restoration and pollution and harm prevention. We cannot restore the basin without preventing industrial pollution from entering our waterways.

We understand that these recommendations take resources and staff time, but we believe they are possible and necessary. Thank you for the time and opportunity to provide these remarks from the Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee.

## **Report of the Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee (POTW)**

Reese Johnson, Committee Chair, presented the following report:

The most recent POTW Advisory Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025. ORSANCO hosted a virtual meeting and representatives from SD1 of Northern Kentucky, Cincinnati MSD, and Louisville MSD participated virtually.

Our primary agenda item was to discuss the Monitoring Strategy Questionnaire recently distributed by ORSANCO. ORSANCO staff member Jason Heath provided an overview of the questionnaire, which aims to identify which monitoring programs are of greatest (and least) value to the respondents. Northern Kentucky SD1 had already submitted a response, and Cincinnati MSD and Louisville MSD committed to reviewing and submitting their own following the meeting. Jason emphasized the need for diverse responses, particularly from water users, to inform the monitoring strategy. Jason clarified that staff would not make decisions about cutting sites without thorough vetting through the Monitoring Strategy Committee, addressing concerns from some stakeholders. POTWs represented on the call universally agreed that ORSANCO's bacterial and contact recreation-related monitoring was of most importance to our sector and we encourage continuation of this fundamental work.

The committee also got an update on ORSANCO's Water Quality Monitoring Program. ORSANCO staff member Greg Youngstrom provided an update on algae monitoring activities in the Ohio River basin. He discussed a recent workshop on algae identification methods, which involved collaboration with several water utilities including Louisville Water and Cincinnati Water. Greg also shared findings from a benthic harmful algae study with EPA, which detected unexpected toxins in the Ohio River. He reported on harmful algae bloom issues near Huntington, West Virginia, and mentioned ongoing monitoring efforts upstream of the Cincinnati area. ORSANCO staff member Stacey Cochran provided an update on water quality monitoring methods, including the use of the Colilert method, Proteus instrument, and Fluidion Alert 1. She discussed the performance and limitations of each method, noting that the Proteus instrument had some significant issues. It seems like that technology may not be suitable for the riverine environment. Stacey also mentioned discrepancies between Fluidion and Colilert data for total coliform, though E. coli results correlated well with expected levels. She plans to present a more comprehensive update at the February Technical meeting after analyzing all 7 months of data.

Before adjourning, the committee briefly explored two topics of growing interest in our sector. First, Cincinnati MSD shared there have been discussions in Ohio around a new approach to wet weather water quality standards which would shift from measuring total overflow volume to a limited number of annual activations, similar to discussions in Kentucky. Staff agreed to investigate whether other states are pursuing similar changes, as this could benefit from basin-wide coordination. Second, Louisville MSD raised the concern of sewer rate increases not being sufficient to meet the capital improvement needs of the utility. Other utilities shared similar concerns and this will likely be a topic for our next meeting in January 2026.

## **Report of the Industry Advisory Committee**

Kathy Beckett, Committee Chair, gave the following report:

The Industry Advisory Committee has been meeting virtually. The group has been working to expand the roster of the committee to include industry sectors not represented (rail industry) and others. Existing committee members have reached out to express interest in engaging more actively in the committee. We engage in reviewing regular outreach to update on the work of ORSANCO and its community-based activities. I look forward to reporting on the site visit to the Thomas More University Biology Field Station that included the organics detection monitoring system. That was an informative visit and we appreciate the opportunity.

### **Queen of Clean Guest Presentation**

Rick Jansen, Lawrence-Scioto Solid Waste District, provided a guest presentation on the Queen of Clean, a 30-foot barge with a crane that will be used up and down the Ohio River doing cleanups.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Chair Flannery noted the following schedule for upcoming Commission meetings:

- February 10-12, 2026 – Covington, Kentucky
- June 9-11, 2026 – French Lick, Indiana
- October 6-8, 2026 – TBD

### **Adjournment**

The 243<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Commission was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Minutes approved by:

*Insert Signature Once Approved at Commission Meeting*

Lou Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer

Prepared by Staff

**ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE**  
**243<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting**  
**October 9, 2025**

**Commissioners**

Illinois	James Jennings Toby Frevert
Indiana	Clint Woods Joseph Harrison, Jr.
Kentucky	John Lyons (PROXY for Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman) John Webb (PROXY for Secretary Rebecca Goodman)
New York	Michael Wilson Douglas Conroe Karen Stainbrook – virtual
Ohio	John Hoopingarner Holly Christmann
Pennsylvania	Jason Minnich (PROXY for Secretary Jessica Shirley) – virtual Bruce Herschlag Kevin Halloran – virtual
West Virginia	David Flannery Ron Potesta Jeremy Bandy (PROXY for Secretary Harold Ward)
Virginia	Jeffrey Hurst (PROXY for Michael Rolband) Lou Wallace Tommy Branin
Federal	Tom FitzGerald – virtual George Elmaraghy
Legal Counsel	Aaron Herzig
<b><u>Executive Director</u></b>	Sam Dinkins

**Staff**

Alexis Brandenburg, Stacey Cochran, Tracey Edmonds (virtual), Nick Guthier, Jason Heath, Riley Lanfear (virtual), Adam Scott, Annette Shumard, Jamie Tsiominas, Bob Wehmeier, Greg Youngstrom, Lila Ziolkowski

**Guests**

Duke Adams	PADEP (virtual)
Kathy Beckett	IAC
Dylan Bentley	Lawrence County Commissioners
Betsy Mallison Bialosky	PIACO
Forest Clevenger	Ohio River Way
Bill Dingus	Lawrence Economic Development Corporation
Peter Goodmann	Louisville Water Company
Jon Horn	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Rick Jansen	Lawrence-Scioto Solid Waste District
Reese Johnson	POTW
Brewster Rhoads	Ohio River Way
Charlise Robinson	West Virginia Rivers (virtual)
Jerry Schulte	
Heather Hulton VanTassel	WOAC (virtual)

**RESOLUTION 6-25**

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

**SCOTT MANDIROLA**

- WHEREAS:** Scott Mandirola has served as a Commissioner Proxy and Technical Committee member to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission from 2011 to 2025, and Chair of the Technical Committee from 2022 to 2025, representing the State of West Virginia, and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Mandirola has provided faithful and diligent service to the Commission serving on numerous Committees; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Mandirola actively worked to help advance the Commission's goals, and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Mandirola directed West Virginia state grant funding towards ORSANCO's mission to provide valuable water quality monitoring information to the states, and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Mandirola has earned the esteem and friendship of his fellow Commissioners, and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Mandirola has devoted his career to protecting the precious natural resources of the State of West Virginia while serving as the Deputy Cabinet Secretary;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Commissioners of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission express their heartfelt gratitude for Scott Mandirola's service, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

**RESOLUTION 7-25**

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

**JASON HEATH**

- WHEREAS:** Jason Heath has provided dedicated service from February 27, 1989 to October 31, 2025 to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, and
- WHEREAS:** It is the intention of the Commission to recognize Jason Heath for his distinguished record of service and his effective use of knowledge and experience to commendably and to the very best of his ability serve the Commission, its partners and citizens of the Ohio River Basin, and
- WHEREAS:** During his 36-year career, Jason contributed greatly to many water quality programs and initiatives including creating ORSANCO's first Geographic Information System platform, developing and operating the Commission's time-of-travel spill model, responding to numerous spills and harmful algal bloom events, overseeing the Ohio River Watershed Pollutant Reduction Program, serving as the Director of Technical Programs and staff liaison to ORSANCO's Technical Committee, and
- WHEREAS:** Jason has earned the esteem and friendship of Commissioners, numerous committee members, and his fellow staff members, and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Commissioners of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission express their heartfelt gratitude to Jason Heath for his dedicated service, and extends best wishes to Jason for success in all his future endeavors.



**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Treasurer	<b>Number:</b> 5
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2025</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Nick Guthier <b>Presentation by:</b> Secretary/Treasurer Lou Wallace		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- ORSANCO's financial staff compiles Fiscal Year to Date ORSANCO financial data in both short form and in detailed spreadsheet format to be presented to the Commission.
- The Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2025 indicates that the Commission has accounts receivable totaling \$2,212,577.
- The receipts of \$3,543,187 plus the carryover of \$2,511,631 totals \$6,054,818 through the end of November 2025. Of that amount, \$1,974,169 was expended on programs, leaving resources of \$4,080,648 available for the continuation of ORSANCO's programs.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- The Treasurer's Report provides a financial snapshot for the period covered in the report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Information Only

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Treasurer has access to all funds of the Commission and makes reports to Program & Finance and to the Commission.
- The Program & Finance Committee met on April 30, 2025 to review staff's recommend budget for fiscal year 2026.
- The Commission adopted the Program & Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the fiscal year 2026 budget at its June 12, 2025 Commission Meeting.

# Memo

## Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission

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**Agenda Item 5  
244<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting  
February 12, 2026**

**DATE:** February 12, 2026  
**TO:** Commissioners  
**FROM:** Lou Wallace  
**SUBJECT:** Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2025

The Treasurer's Report is presented in both the short form and the detailed spreadsheet format.

The report indicates that the Commission has accounts receivable totaling \$2,212,577 at the end of November 2025.  
The balance in accounts receivable is detailed as follows:

Federal Sources	\$719,409	106 WPC Grant
	175,703	Monitoring Initiative & NRSA
	100,000	Hypoxia Task Force
	31,875	OH EPA 604(b) WQ Monitoring
	41,706	WV WQMP Bacteria Trends
	<u>63,171</u>	IDEM 604(b) Continuous Monitoring
	\$1,131,864	
Signatory States	\$76,095	West Virginia
	342,272	Kentucky
	404,156	Ohio
	<u>184,888</u>	Pennsylvania
	\$1,007,411	
Other Sources	\$40,161	Ohio River Sweep
	<u>33,141</u>	Foundation for Ohio River Education
	\$73,302	

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# The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission

## Treasurer's Report

Through November 30, 2025

<b><u>RESOURCES</u></b>	<b>Carryover @ 7-1-25</b>	<b>Earned Income</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>FY26 Budget</b>	<b>% Budget</b>	<b>Resources @ 11/30/25</b>
Carryover July 1, 2025						
Restricted Operating Reserve Funds	\$600,000		\$600,000	\$600,000		\$600,000
Building & Equipment Capital Account	\$233,151	\$0	\$233,151	\$250,455		\$235,319
ODS Equipment Capital Account	\$311,098	\$0	\$311,098	\$134,000		\$311,098
Restricted Program Funds	\$176,673	\$0	\$176,673	\$182,384		\$520,517
Unrestricted Funds	\$1,190,709	\$0	\$1,190,709	\$2,059,230		\$2,413,715
Prepaid Expense	\$0		\$0			
States		\$1,528,000	\$1,528,000	\$1,528,000		
US EPA						
106 Grant Federal FY 25		\$221,216	\$221,216	\$1,376,000		
106 Grant Federal FY 26		\$1,270,771	\$1,270,771	\$1,502,987		
Other Federal Grant Programs						
Monitoring Initiative & NRSA		\$0	\$0	\$66,000		
IDEM 604(b) Continuous Monitoring		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$143,750		
OEPA 604(b) ODS Data		\$38,682	\$38,682	\$107,314		
WV604(b) WQMP Bacteria Trends		\$16,706	\$16,706	\$17,447		
Hypoxia Task Force BIL		\$173,605	\$173,605	\$104,403		
Non-Federal Projects						
Ohio River Sweep (FORE)		\$5,066	\$5,066	\$99,828		
Foundation for Ohio River Education		\$33,141	\$33,141	\$80,584		
Ohio River Basin Alliance		\$7,228	\$7,228	\$0		
Ohio River Sourcewater Protection		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$220,000		
EPRI WQ Trading Landowner Funding		\$0	\$0	\$0		
Other Non-Federal Projects		\$37,359	\$37,359	\$0		
Other Income		\$2,168	\$2,168	\$15,000		
Total Resources	<u>\$2,511,631</u>	<u>\$3,543,187</u>	<u>\$6,054,818</u>	<u>\$8,487,382</u>	71.3%	<u>\$4,080,648</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>						
Personnel Expenses			\$994,275	\$2,599,097	38.3%	
Travel			\$99,162	\$321,105	30.9%	
Supplies			\$131,353	\$285,557	46.0%	
Telephone			\$4,389	\$13,008	33.7%	
Equipment			\$219,438	\$99,000	221.7%	
Office & Utilities			\$9,503	\$23,880	39.8%	
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance			\$64,262	\$92,812	69.2%	
Contractual Services			\$321,796	\$850,362	37.8%	
Printing & Reproduction			\$7,258	\$9,400	77.2%	
Lab Fees & Deliveries			\$122,734	\$310,108	39.6%	
Bad Debt/Fraudulent Charges			\$0	\$0		
Total Expenses			<u>\$1,974,169</u>	<u>\$4,604,329</u>	<u>42.9%</u>	
<b><u>RESOURCES AVAILABLE</u></b>			<u>\$4,080,648</u>			

**OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES - ALL FUNDS  
THROUGH November 30, 2025**

RESOURCES	ORSANCO GENERAL ACCOUNT	Internal WPC	106 WPC	Monitoring Initiative & NRSA	Stream Gauge Transfer	EPRI WQ Trading Landowner Funding	Hypoxia Task Force
Carryover on July 1, 2025	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,514	\$40,380	\$0
Prepaid Maintenance		\$0					
<b>INCOME</b>							
State Funding	\$1,528,000						
PA DEP							
Other Program Funding	\$0.00	\$0			\$21,828	\$0	\$0
U.S. EPA		\$147,062	\$1,344,925	\$0			\$173,605
In-Kind Services							
Transfer of River Users Funds to Programs							
Transfer of State Funds to Programs	(\$150,180)	\$252,956	(\$385,938)	\$39,964	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer of Other Funds to Programs		\$0					
Transfer of Unrestricted Funds							
Miscellaneous							
Interest							
Fines and Settlements	\$0	\$0					
Total Resources	\$1,377,820	\$400,018	\$958,987	\$39,964	\$51,342	\$40,380	\$173,605
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>							
USEPA		\$81,795	\$637,614	\$175,703			\$100,000
Signatory States	\$1,007,411	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Program Funding							
TOTAL RESOURCES LESS A/R	\$370,409	\$318,223	\$321,373	(\$135,739)	\$51,342	\$40,380	\$73,605
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
Payroll	\$170,077	\$117,037	\$272,486	\$16,593	\$0	\$0	\$7,724
Employee Benefits	\$148,661	\$52,397	\$121,992	\$7,429	\$0	\$0	\$3,458
Staff Travel	\$6,707	\$5,629	\$50,093	\$99	\$0	\$0	\$1,761
Commission Travel	\$27,719	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advisory Committee Travel	\$2,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Associations & Memberships	\$15,636	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$17,491	\$5,245	\$24,978	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Telephone	\$4,094	\$295	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Lease	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$9,503	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$11,351	\$0	\$7,182	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facility Maintenance	\$45,729	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Vehicle, Building, Equipment Insurance	\$34,515	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Shipping & Delivery	\$164	\$554	\$14,397	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reproduction	\$2,330	\$0	\$1,150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Printing	\$0	\$0	\$3,778	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual Services	\$40,717	\$100,505	\$114,653	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lab Analysis	\$0	\$6,609	\$88,110	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,090
Legal & Accounting Fees	\$16,986	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Theft/Vandalism	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bad Debt/Fraudulent Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	\$553,854	\$288,272	\$698,818	\$24,121	\$0	\$0	\$16,033
<b>IN-KIND SERVICE</b>							
INDIRECT EXPENSE ALLOCATION	(\$440,039)	\$111,747	\$260,170	\$15,843	\$0	\$0	\$7,375
TOTAL DIRECT & INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$113,814	\$400,018	\$958,987	\$39,964	\$0	\$0	\$23,408
Balance before Transfers & Adjustments	\$1,264,006	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,342	\$40,380	\$150,198
Prepaid Maintenance	\$0						
Interfund Transfer	(\$1,264,006)	\$0					
<b>BALANCE - Resources - Expenses</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,342	\$40,380	\$150,198

**OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES - ALL FUNDS  
THROUGH November 30, 2025**

RESOURCES	WV WQMP Bacteria Trends	OH EPA WQ Monitoring ODS	IDEM Fish Tissue Collection	IDEM 604(b) Continuous Monitoring	Ohio River Source Water Protection	Sweep	Foundation for Ohio River Education	Ohio River Basin Alliance
Carryover on July 1, 2025 Prepaid Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$26,779
<b>INCOME</b>								
State Funding								
PA DEP								
Other Program Funding	\$0				\$35,000	\$5,066	\$33,141	\$7,228
U.S. EPA	\$16,706	\$38,682	\$24,244	\$150,000				
In-Kind Services								
Transfer of River Users Funds to Programs								
Transfer of State Funds to Programs		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer of Other Funds to Programs					\$0			
Transfer of Unrestricted Funds								
Miscellaneous								
Interest								
Fines and Settlements					\$0			
Total Resources	\$16,706	\$38,682	\$24,244	\$150,000	\$115,000	\$5,066	\$33,141	\$34,007
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>								
USEPA	\$41,706	\$31,875	\$0	\$63,171				
Signatory States								
Other Program Funding		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$40,161	\$33,141	\$0
TOTAL RESOURCES LESS A/R	(\$25,000)	\$6,807	\$24,244	\$86,830	\$115,000	-\$35,095	\$0	\$34,007
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Payroll	\$6,561	\$7,322	\$1,551	\$8,425	\$0	\$0	\$12,018	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$2,938	\$3,278	\$695	\$3,772	\$0	\$0	\$9,547	\$0
Staff Travel	\$388	\$1,042	\$0	\$1,133	\$0	\$159	\$0	\$468
Commission Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advisory Committee Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Associations & Memberships	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$555	\$20,049	\$0	\$194	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,813
Telephone	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Lease	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facility Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Vehicle, Building, Equipment Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Shipping & Delivery	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178	\$0	\$4,907	\$0	\$0
Reproduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Printing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,157	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$850
Lab Analysis	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,726	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal & Accounting Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Theft/Vandalism	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bad Debt/Fraudulent Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	\$10,441	\$31,691	\$2,246	\$23,584	\$0	\$5,066	\$21,666	\$5,131
<b>IN-KIND SERVICE</b>								
INDIRECT EXPENSE ALLOCATION	\$6,265	\$6,991	\$1,481	\$8,044	\$0	\$0	\$11,475	\$0
TOTAL DIRECT & INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$16,706	\$38,682	\$3,727	\$31,629	\$0	\$5,066	\$33,141	\$5,131
Balance before Transfers & Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$20,517	\$118,372	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$28,876
Prepaid Maintenance								
Interfund Transfer					\$0			
<b>BALANCE - Resources - Expenses</b>	\$0	\$0	\$20,517	\$118,372	\$115,000	\$0	\$0	\$28,876

**OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES - ALL FUNDS  
THROUGH November 30, 2025**

RESOURCES	Life Below The Waterline	DC Strategic Advisor	Total Restrcted Program Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Operating	Reserve Funds Building & Equipment	ODS Equipment Replacement	Total Activities
Carryover on July 1, 2025	\$0	\$0	\$176,673	\$1,190,709	\$600,000	\$233,151	\$311,098	\$2,511,631
Prepaid Maintenance			\$0					\$0
<b>INCOME</b>								
State Funding			\$1,528,000					\$1,528,000
PA DEP			\$0					\$0
Other Program Funding	\$15,531		\$117,794			\$0	\$0	\$117,794
U.S. EPA			\$1,895,225					\$1,895,225
In-Kind Services			\$0					\$0
Transfer of River Users Funds to Programs			\$0				\$0	\$0
Transfer of State Funds to Programs	\$12,212		(\$0)			\$0		(\$0)
Transfer of Other Funds to Programs	\$0		\$0					\$0
Transfer of Unrestricted Funds		\$41,000	\$41,000	(\$41,000)				\$0
Miscellaneous			\$0			\$0		\$0
Interest			\$0			\$2,168		\$2,168
Fines and Settlements	\$0		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>\$27,743</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$3,758,692</b>	<b>\$1,149,709</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$235,319</b>	<b>\$311,098</b>	<b>\$6,054,818</b>
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>								
USEPA			\$1,131,864					\$1,131,864
Signatory States			\$1,007,411					\$1,007,411
Other Program Funding	\$0		\$73,302					\$73,302
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES LESS A/R</b>	<b>\$27,743</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$1,546,115</b>	<b>\$1,149,709</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$235,319</b>	<b>\$311,098</b>	<b>\$3,842,241</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Payroll	\$11,153	\$0	\$630,947	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$630,947
Employee Benefits	\$4,993	\$0	\$363,327	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$363,327
Staff Travel	\$890	\$0	\$69,268	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,268
Commission Travel	\$0	\$0	\$27,719	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,719
Advisory Committee Travel	\$0	\$0	\$2,175	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,175
Associations & Memberships	\$0	\$0	\$15,636	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,636
Supplies	\$58	\$0	\$81,202	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$81,202
Telephone	\$0	\$0	\$4,389	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,389
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$219,438	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$219,438
Equipment Lease	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$9,503	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,503
Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$18,532	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,532
Facility Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$45,729	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,729
Vehicle, Building, Equipment Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$34,515	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,515
Shipping & Delivery	\$0	\$0	\$20,199	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,199
Reproduction	\$0	\$0	\$3,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,480
Printing	\$0	\$0	\$3,778	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,778
Contractual Services	\$0	\$41,000	\$304,810	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$304,810
Lab Analysis	\$0	\$0	\$102,535	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$102,535
Legal & Accounting Fees	\$0	\$0	\$16,986	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,986
Theft/Vandalism	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bad Debt/Fraudulent Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,094</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$1,974,169</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,974,169</b>
<b>IN-KIND SERVICE</b>			\$0	\$0				
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSE ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$10,649</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT &amp; INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$27,743</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$1,974,169</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,974,169</b>
Balance before Transfers & Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$1,784,523	\$1,149,709	\$600,000	\$235,319	\$311,098	\$4,080,648
Prepaid Maintenance			\$0	\$0				
Interfund Transfer	\$0		(\$1,264,006)	\$1,264,006		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>BALANCE - Resources - Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$520,517</b>	<b>\$2,413,715</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$235,319</b>	<b>\$311,098</b>	<b>\$4,080,648</b>

# Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission

## COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report and Recommendations; February 10-11, 2026 Technical Committee Meeting	<b>Number:</b> 6
<b>Attachments:</b> • TEC Agenda	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Ryan Argo <b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair Jeffrey Hurst		

### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Commission Technical Committee (TEC) will conduct its 240<sup>th</sup> meeting in-person at the Embassy Suites RiverCenter, Covington, KY, and virtually, on February 10-11, 2026, prior to the February 12, 2026 Commission meeting.
- The meeting agenda includes: TEC's meeting agenda includes: A USGS presentation on exposure effects of PFAS contaminants on aquatic organisms in Pennsylvania streams; USEPA presentation on the Ohio River HABs predictive model; Updates on real-time bacteria monitoring technologies; Report on long-term temporal water quality trends of the Ohio River and major tributaries; Update on 2025 Ohio River water quality conditions; ORSANCO program updates for the Water Quality, Source Water Protection and Emergency Response, Biological, and Communications and Outreach programs; TEC member reports; Status of the 2026 Biennial Assessment of Ohio Water Quality Conditions (305(b) report); and a discussion of Monitoring Strategy outcomes and FY17 program priorities.
- Committee Chair Hurst will provide a report of the TEC meeting at the February 12, 2026 Commission meeting.

### **BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- The Technical Committee reviews technical programs and makes recommendations to the Commission to be considered during the Program and Finance Committee's Program and Budget development process.
- The Commission has staff time to perform Committee liaison work and to facilitate the meetings, and work of the Committee's Workgroups and Subcommittees.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Any TEC recommendations from the February 10-11, 2026 TEC meeting that need to be approved by the Commission will be presented at the February 12, 2026 Commission Meeting.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Technical Committee (TEC) serves as the technical arm of the Commission and studies, discusses and evaluates technical questions of concern or interest to the Commission.
- It is composed of a Chair, who is a Commissioner appointed by the Commission Chair with one member from each of the signatory states as designated by the Commissioners of each state. TEC includes a member designated by the United States Commissioners to represent federal interests. Up to three additional members may be appointed by the Commission Chair.
- The Chief Engineer of the Commission is an ex officio voting member of TEC and the Chair of the Public Information Advisory Committee, Chemical Industry Advisory Committee, Power Industry Advisory Committee, Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee, Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee and Water Users Advisory Committee are ex officio, non-voting members of TEC.
- TEC has established workgroups and subcommittees to assist with Committee activities including: 305b Coordinators Workgroup, Biological Subcommittee, Emergency Response Coordinators Workgroup, Fish Consumption Advisory Workgroup, HABs Workgroup, Monitoring Strategy Subcommittee, NPDES Subcommittee, ODS Operators Workgroup, Source Water Assessment Workgroup; Stream Criteria Subcommittee, TMDL Coordinators Workgroup, PFAS Workgroup, and Bimonthly/Clean Metals Programs Review Workgroup.

# Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission

## COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 13, 2025	<b>Subject:</b> <b>Report of the Personnel Committee</b>	<b>Number:</b> <b>7</b>
<b>Attachments:</b> • None	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Sam Dinkins <b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair George Elmaraghy		

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Personnel Committee met January 20, 2026 to discuss personnel changes resulting from recent staff departures and retirements.
- Staff recommends not filling the Director of Technical Programs vacancy created by Jason Heath's retirement. Alternatively, the responsibilities of the director position will be redistributed to the three Technical Program Managers – Ryan Argo, Lila Ziolkowski, and Greg Youngstrom.
- An entry-level scientist position will be added in lieu of the Director position to maintain total Technical Programs staff at 13 scientists.
- Staff recommends filling two current vacancies – one aquatic biologist position vacant since July 2025, and one Environmental Scientist/Chemist position vacant since November 2024.
- Staff recommends assigning Alexis Brandenburg fully to the Water Quality staff group. She previously was assigned 50% to Water Quality and 50% to Source Water Protection.
- Staff recommends reassigning Riley Lanfear from the Biological team to the Water Quality group to better align program management.
- Staff recommends salary adjustments for select staff members in recognition of expanded position responsibilities.
- These proposed actions have been reviewed and are supported by the Personnel Committee.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- Not filling the Director of Technical Programs position, redistributing the director responsibilities to the three Technical Program Managers, and adding an entry-level scientist position reduces budgeted personnel costs by a combined total of approximately \$60,000 per year.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- For information only.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Personnel Committee monitors and assists with the administration of personnel matters as established by the Commission's administrative Procedures.
- The Personnel Committee consists of at least three Commissioners.



**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Water Users Advisory Committee	<b>Number:</b> 8
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Lila Ziolkowski <b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair Chris Bobay		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Water Users Advisory Committee met on January 27-28, 2026.
- The Report of the Committee shall be provided at the February 12, 2026 Commission Meeting.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- Travel related expenses to support committee meetings are covered by the Commission.
- The Commission has staff time to support Water Users Advisory Committee liaison work.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Information Only

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Water Users Advisory Committee provides input to the Commission on matters related to water treatment.
- Appointed representatives to the Committee are designated by the Chair of the Commission from companies or agencies which operate water treatment plants.
- The Chair of this Committee serves as a representative to ORSANCO's Technical Committee and the Ohio River Users Program Advisory Committee.

**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Public Information Advisory Committee	<b>Number:</b> 9
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Annette Shumard <b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair Betsy Mallison Bialosky		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Public Information Advisory Committee met on February 10, 2026.
- The Report of the Committee shall be provided at the February 12, 2026 Commission Meeting.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- The Commission covers travel, lodging, and meeting expenses incurred for Advisory Committee Members.
- The Commission has staff time to serve as liaison to the Committee and to help provide support to the Committee as needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- For Information Only

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- A Public Information Advisory Committee, composed of citizens residing in the Compact states, shall advise the Commission on Commission programs, outreach, procedures and communication methods. The Commission Chair annually shall appoint members of this committee, including when possible a member from each signatory state and at least three (3) at large members. These members, shall serve on a voluntary basis and be reimbursed by the Commission, for their expenses in attending meeting of their committee as budgeted by the Commission, and upon invitation of the Commission Chair, meetings of the Commission and the Technical Committee.

**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee	<b>Number:</b> 10
<b>Attachments:</b> • None	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Sam Dinkins <b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair Heather Hulton VanTassel		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Report of the Committee shall be provided at the February 12, 2026 Commission Meeting.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- The Commission does not assume any meeting expenses incurred for Special Interests Stakeholder Advisory Committee Members.
- The Commission has staff time to serve as liaison to the Committee and to help provide support to the Committee as needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Information Only

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Watershed Organizations Advisory Committee is a Special Interests Stakeholder Advisory Committee to the Commission formed to provide advice to the Commission for its program of regional pollution control.
- The Committee was established through Commission action at its February 11, 2016 Commission Meeting.
- The Committee is responsible for appointment of their membership and organization.

**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> <b>Report of the Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Number:</b> <b>11</b>
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Stacey Cochran <b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair Reese Johnson		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee met on January 22, 2026.
- The Report of the Committee shall be provided at the February 12, 2026 Commission Meeting.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- Travel related expenses to support committee meetings are covered by the Commission.
- The Commission has staff time to support Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee liaison work.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Information Only

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works Advisory Committee provides input to the Commission on matters related to wastewater treatment.
- The committee is comprised of representatives of wastewater treatment departments or districts or other public agencies.
- These agencies also work to supply the Commission with data as a part of a basin wide water quality monitoring system.
- Appointed representatives to the Committee are designated by the Chair of the Commission from companies or agencies which operate water treatment plants.
- The Chair of this Committee serves as a representative to ORSANCO's Technical Committee and the Ohio River Users Program Advisory Committee.

**Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**  
**COMMISSION MEETING COMMUNICATION**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 12, 2026	<b>Subject:</b> Report of the Chemical Industry Advisory Committee	<b>Number:</b> 12
<b>Attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<b>Committee Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory <input type="checkbox"/> Ad-Hoc <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<b>Action Required:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Motion
<b>Prepared by:</b> Sam Dinkins <span style="float: right;"><b>Presentation by:</b> Committee Chair Kathy Beckett</span>		

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The Report of the Committee shall be provided at the February 12, 2026 Commission Meeting.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPLICATIONS:**

- The Commission does not assume any meeting expenses incurred for Special Interests Stakeholder Advisory Committee Members.
- The Commission has staff time to serve as liaison to the Committee and to help provide support to the Committee as needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Information Only

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

- The Chemical Industry Advisory Committee is a Special Interests Stakeholder Advisory Committee to the Commission formed to provide advice to the Commission for its program of regional pollution control.
- The Committee was re-established through Commission action at its October 9, 2014 Commission Meeting.
- The Committee is responsible for appointment of their membership and organization.