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\$2 million in grants available for nonpoint source pollution control projects

Division of Water accepting proposals through Feb. 1

FRANKFORT, KY (Nov. 17, 2009) – The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) is accepting grant proposals for projects that will help improve water quality by reducing or eliminating nonpoint source pollution (NPS). The deadline to submit a proposal is Feb. 1, 2010.

Nonpoint source pollution, also known as runoff pollution, is the primary contributor to water pollution in the Commonwealth. These pollutants include soil, urban runoff, fertilizers, chemicals and other contaminants that degrade surface and groundwater quality.

Each year, federal funding through Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act is provided to the states for distribution through a competitive process. These grants provide 60 percent of the total funds needed for the project. Forty percent of the total project costs must come from nonfederal matching funds or in-kind services.

Funding is available for projects that involve watershed-based plan development and implementation in impaired waters as well as protection of special-use waters with identified threats. Examples of special use-waters include cold-water aquatic habitats, state wild rivers, outstanding state resource waters and federal wild and scenic rivers.

Proposals may be submitted by local governments, regional agencies, public institutions, private nonprofit organizations as well as state and federal agencies. Nonpoint source pollution typically results from some type of land-use activity, such as polluted runoff from roads, parking lots and residential or community developments; construction, agriculture and timber harvesting activities; and failing septic tanks.

Information about the NPS grant program and grant application forms are available on the DOW NPS Web site at <http://www.water.ky.gov/publicassistance/funding/nps/>. Questions should be directed to Jim Roe at 502-564-3410 or James.roe@ky.gov.

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