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Public comment sought on *E. coli* TMDL for eight stream segments in the Bacon Creek Watershed

Comment period ends April 16

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 16, 2011) –The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until April 16, 2011, on a draft report addressing *E. coli* and fecal coliform impairments in Bacon Creek watershed located in Hardin, Hart and LaRue counties.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state also is required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The report, prepared by the Kentucky Division of Water, addresses *E. coli* and fecal coliform impairments in the Bacon Creek watershed at levels that make it inappropriate for swimming. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the stream segment. Additionally, this serves as 30-day public notice for new impairments for the swimming use found within the watershed.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The report may be viewed online at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments should be sent in writing to Andrea Fredenburg, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Contact Andrea Fredenburg by phone at 502-564-3410 or by e-mail Andrea.Fredenburg@ky.gov.

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