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Public Comment Sought on Fecal Coliform TMDL for Four Stream Segments within Townsend Creek *Comment period ends June 13*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 11, 2011) -- The Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until June 13 on a draft report addressing bacteria impairments in four stream segments within the Townsend Creek watershed, located in the South Fork Licking River Basin in Bourbon and Harrison 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 is also 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, *Total Maximum Daily Load for Fecal Coliform, Four Stream Segments within the Townsend Creek Watershed*, prepared by the Kentucky Division of Water, addresses bacteria impairments in the Townsend Creek watershed at levels that no longer support the swimming designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the stream segments. The Division of Water is also asking for comments on new bacteria impairments found within the Townsend Creek watershed during TMDL development.

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>. For print copies, contact Scarlett Stapleton at the Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by telephone at 502-564-3410. Comments should be provided by June 13 and may be made in writing or by e-mail to Scarlett.Stapleton@ky.gov.

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