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RE: Glenwood, Unsewered Area
Fact Sheet

The Board of County Commissioners received a letter dated March 6, 2014 from the OEPA requesting a meeting with the Board concerning a public health nuisance in the Glenwood area. The Board met with representatives from the OEPA on April 9, 2014

This public health nuisance was discovered by the OEPA as part of their stream monitoring program. The initial water samples were collected in May of 2010 after observing gray water and odor present in the streams with follow-up sampling conducted in August of 2013.

The test results for these samples show high levels of E-coli bacteria present in several of the streams and drainage ditches in the area. The most likely source of this contamination of the surface water is failing and improperly operating septic systems in the area. The Preble County Health District has been working with homeowners to resolve problems as they are reported.

There are currently no central sewer collection or treatment facilities in the area.

This declaration of a public health nuisance **does not** affect the public or private drinking water supply in the area.

This surface water contamination has **No effect** on the ground water that water supply wells for the City of Eaton or the Village of West Alexandria are utilizing.

This is a County issue and Randy Gilbert, P.E, Sanitary Engineer, will be the main point of contact with the OEPA and the residents as the process of resolving this public health nuisance moves forward.

Next Steps

- County will negotiate an agreement with OEPA over the next 3 months.
- Once the agreement has been adopted the County will have 18 to 24 months to clearly define the affected area and develop a plan for resolving the problem.
- Once a plan is finalized another agreement will be adopted that will allow 18 to 24 months for the recommended resolution to be implemented.