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DELAWARE COUNTY SEWAGE APPEALS BOARD APPOINTED

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DELAWARE, Oh., Jan. 20, 2011 – The members have been appointed to a new three-person board created to hear appeals involving private sewage treatment system installations.

The new Delaware County Sewage Treatment System Appeals Board was created because of a new provision in state law adopted by the Ohio General Assembly last year. Similar boards are being set up in all Ohio counties.

The Appeals Board will be legally empowered to hear appeals of decisions by the Delaware Board of Health on proposed sewage treatment systems. Leaders at the Delaware General Health District, which administers local sewage treatment system rules, do not expect many cases will go before the new board. Decisions by the Appeals Board will be final, and no further appeals may be taken.

The local Appeals Board members are:

- Nickolas K. McCoy of Lewis Center, an attorney with a Lancaster law firm appointed by Delaware County Probate Court Judge Kenneth Spicer. McCoy holds a law degree from Capital University and a B.S. in Industrial Technology from Ohio University, and previously worked as a mechanical engineer, mechanical designer, and manufacturing engineer.
- Larry D. Cline, a Marlboro Township farmer, former township trustee, former Buckeye Valley Local Board of Education member, and former Delaware Board of Health member knowledgeable on sewage variances. Cline was appointed by Delaware Health Commissioner Frances M. Veverka.

- Russell Smith of Bexley, a 21-year employee of the Ohio Department of Health appointed by the Director of ODH. Smith holds a BS in Agriculture from the Ohio State University, and previously worked in the Clermont County Health Department's sewage program. Smith also was appointed to the Sewage Appeals Boards for several counties.