

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
MAHONING COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF HEALTH
DECLARING THAT UNSANITARY CONDITIONS EXIST
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS; the District Board of Health has monitored and documented a continuous water pollution problem and a human health risk in the Petersburg area of Springfield Township; and

WHEREAS; 45 percent of household sewage disposal systems in the area evaluated for mortgage lenders by the District Board of Health in 1999 and 2000 were found to be malfunctioning; and

WHEREAS; 31 percent of drinking water wells in the area tested by the District Board of Health in 1999 and 2000 were found to be unsafe for human consumption; and

WHEREAS; 24 (31%) of the 77 septic permits on file at the District Board of Health from the Petersburg area are for off-lot discharging aerobic-type treatment systems discharging into storm sewers flowing into Honey Creek; and

WHEREAS; 35 (46%) of the 77 septic permits on file at the District Board of Health from the Petersburg area are for household sewage treatment systems that do not meet current design requirements; and

WHEREAS; a public health nuisance shall be deemed to exist when water samples exceed five thousand fecal coliform counts per one hundred milliliters in more than twenty percent of samples; when more than five samples are taken; when flow is representative of steady state dry weather conditions; when the samples are collected at least two hours apart; and when the samples are collected over a time period not to exceed thirty days. (Ohio Administrative Code Section 3745-1-04); and

WHEREAS; fecal coliform bacteria counts ranged from 4,500 to >200,000 per one hundred milliliters in twelve samples and exceeded 5,000 in eleven of twelve samples (92%) collected at six locations from road ditches and streams on Youngstown-Pittsburgh and Petersburg-Unity Roads in Petersburg on January 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS; pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 6117.34, upon complaint from a board of health to the Environmental Protection Agency that unsanitary conditions exist in a county, the Director of Environmental Protection shall forthwith inquire into and investigate the conditions which are the basis for such complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 6117.34 of the

Ohio Revised Code, the District Board of Health hereby makes complaint to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency of the above-described unsanitary condition.

ADOPTED by the Board of Health of the Mahoning County General Health District this 18th day of December, 2003.

DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

By _____
Leonard Perry, President

By _____
Matthew Stefanak, M.P.H., Health Commissioner