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**Ohio EPA Awards Environmental Education Grant Worth \$17,085 to Help Licking Co. Homeowners With Household Sewage Treatment**

Ohio EPA is granting the Licking County Health Department \$17,085 to help 8,500 homeowners better understand the importance of properly operating and maintaining their household sewage treatment systems. Nine grants were awarded statewide for a total of \$300,000.

The health department's Sewage and Wastewater Elimination Education Program (SWEEP) will provide educational materials, mailings, three workshops and a tracking and reminder system to educate Licking County residents about the requirements associated with their household sewage treatment systems. An in-service training also will be provided for septic system installers, pumpers and service providers.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund is administered by Ohio EPA. Grants up to \$50,000 are funded from one-half of the civil penalties collected by the Agency for air and water pollution control violations. Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. Approximately \$1 million is given each year.

The next OEEF application deadline is on July 15, 2011. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due on July 8. For additional information, contact the [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) at (614) 644-2873.

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