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Public May Comment on Proposed Water Quality Settlement in Greene County

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's office, on behalf of Ohio EPA, has reached a proposed [settlement](#) with Clemens Development Co. and Richard Clemens for failure to implement storm water runoff measures at a 71-acre property located on the east side of Sugarcreek Road and north of Route 725 in Greene County.

The public can comment on the settlement until Feb. 22. The consent decree has been submitted to Greene County Judge Stephen A. Wolaver. The judge will rule after the public comment period is complete.

Clemens Development failed to utilize required erosion and sediment control at its Highview Terrace project. As a result, excess sediment pollution impacted Little Sugar Creek at least twice. Excess sediment is a leading cause of water pollution in Ohio's lakes and rivers.

The agreement affirms that the company will comply with environmental laws, pay a \$30,000 civil penalty and pay legal costs associated with this action.

Written comments must be received by Feb. 22, 2012, and addressed to Ohio EPA's Southwest District Office, Division of Surface Water, attn.: Enforcement Coordinator, 401 E. Fifth St., Dayton, Ohio 45402.

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