

## Sandusky County Department of Public Health

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David G. Pollick, MA and Ed  
Health Commissioner

October 11, 2006

**Mrs. Judy Reino, President**  
Sandusky County Citizens Protecting Our Resources  
119 S. Main Street  
Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431

Dear Mrs. Reino:

Thank you for your letter of October 6, 2006 regarding the potential health effects of the two mega-dairies proposed for Scott and Woodville Townships in Sandusky County. This letter has been forwarded to the Sandusky County Board of Health. You have requested that The Sandusky County Health Department (SCHD) take certain actions to determine surface and sub-surface water effects.

The Sandusky County Health Department is working with the Sandusky County Commissioners to stream sample. The Commissioners are looking at an appropriation in 2007 to fund the sampling by SCHD. The Board of Health will also be approached to perform limited water sampling within a one mile radius of the facilities.

Currently, there is no requirement to sample for e-coli. The permits, however, do restrict crops regarding where manure is applied. Additionally, records will be required to document crops in the fields for the past year, the year of application and crops for the next two years.

The Sandusky County Board of Health has historically acted in an oversight capacity regarding issues in the community. An example of such oversight would be the deep well injection site in Vickery, Ohio. A Citizens' Committee which includes Health Department representatives, local residents and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency meets regularly with the plant operator to discuss the operation and any issues of concern to the community. This activity is accomplished on a voluntary basis and has proven to be very successful over the years. Such an approach may be effective in the case of the mega-dairies.

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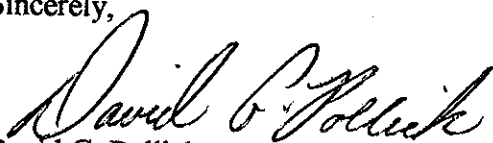
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The Sandusky County Board of Health will continue to act as a mediator and work proactively with both the operators of these facilities and the community.

I look forward to further correspondence as we work with you and the operators to protect the health of Sandusky County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David G. Pollick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

David G. Pollick  
Health Commissioner

Cc: Board of Health  
Sandusky County Commissioners