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Contamination found in Forgedale Stream

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Special to The Mercury

DISTRICT TWP. — State Department of Environmental Resource officials have discovered a "heavy duty contamination" problem in the Forgedale Stream in the Barto area.

Bob McCarty, a resident of Forgedale Road, told board members Tuesday DER water specialist Kile Schmeck had recently confirmed test results that found was human waste in the stream.

McCarty said he first became suspicious of the stream after his horse repeatedly was plagued with diarrhea after drinking from the stream. On the advice of his veterinarian, McCarty said he hired Suburban Water Testing Laboratories Inc. from Temple to run some tests.

McCarty said test results showed the presence of streptococcus coliform bacillus — which comes from human and animal fecal matter — in the water. Suburban suggested DER be notified of the test results, according to McCarty.

He said four sites have currently been tested for contamination, including a pond located across the street from the Landis Store and several places along the stream itself. Test results

area.

Schmeck suggested the township's sewage enforcement officers, Technicon Enterprises of Oley, be called in to help locate the problem.

McCarty said he first alerted the township to the contamination problem in April. Since then, he said Technicon has considered three possible sources for the contamination after inspecting the area.

McCarty also said he had been told dye tests would be used to help find the source of the problem, but was later told such tests could not be performed since Technicon would be liable "if the tests turned someone's laundry colors."

McCarty said he considered the problem to be serious and added his neighbors were cooperating in the matter.

Technicon, however, has since said the contamination may instead be coming from a farm, saying animal manure has been visually confirmed floating downstream.

McCarty disagreed, pointing out Schmeck's reports state human waste is the source of the problem. He urged board members to pursue the matter for the welfare of the community, saying he had received reports supervisors had ordered the matter tabled.

Acting Chairman Ed Overberger said this was not so, adding he would personally call Schmeck in an