


Licking River Watershed Watch Bacteria Sampling 2008

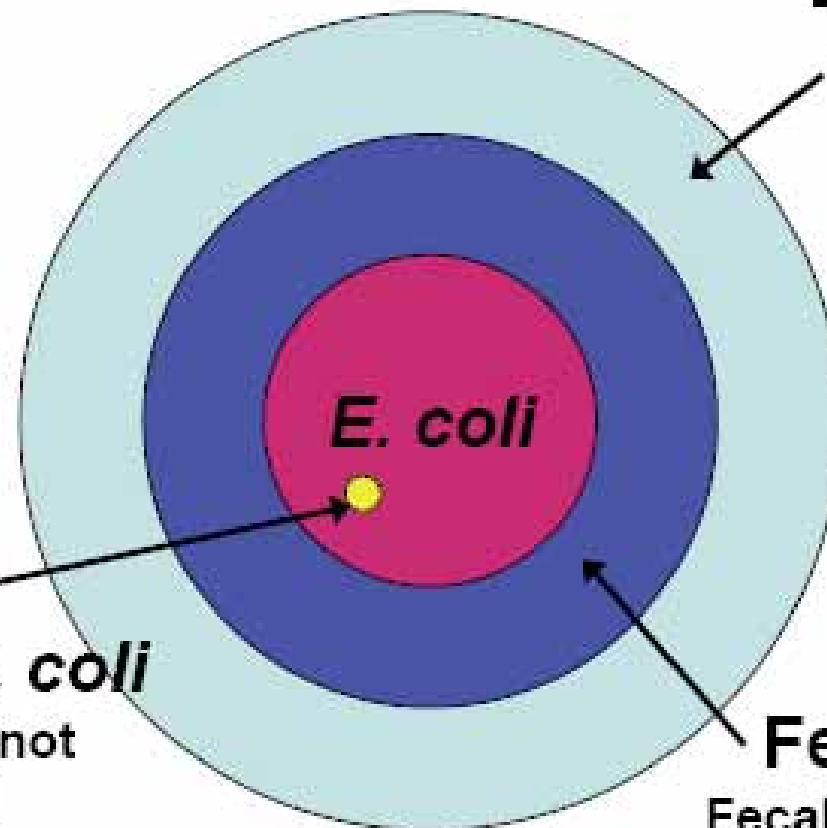
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What is a Coliform?

Total Coliform

Total Coliform =
Environmental
Contamination



Pathogenic *E. coli*

Some of which are not
detectable by Total
Coliform detection
methods

Fecal Coliform

Fecal Coliform & *E. coli* =
Fecal Contamination

WHY TEST FOR *E. COLI*?

Habitat of Coliform Bacteria

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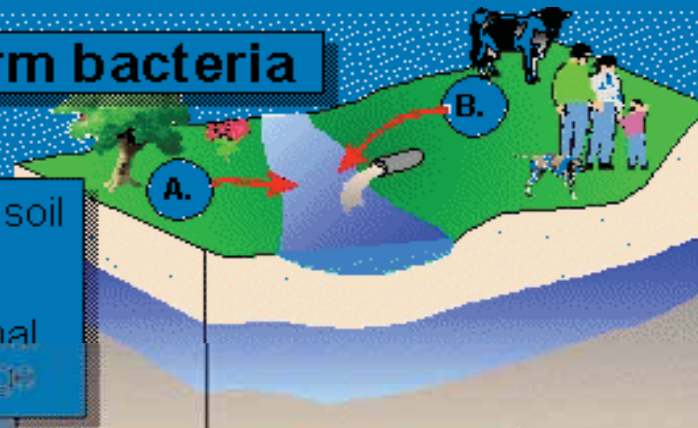
A. Non-fecal coliforms: soil and vegetation

B. Fecal coliforms: animal wastes and human sewage

Total coliform bacteria are 15 species that are found in soil, vegetation, animal wastes and human sewage.

Fecal coliform bacteria are 5 species that are found in animal wastes and human sewage.

E. coli is one of the 5 fecal coliform bacteria species. It is found in animal wastes and human sewage.



Why Test for *E.coli*

Animal	# Tested	<i>E.coli</i>	Klebsiella spp	Enterobacter/ Citrobacter
Human	26	96.8%	1.5%	1.7%
Cow	15	99.9	-	0.1
Horse	3	100	-	-
Sheep	20	97	-	3
Pig	15	83.5	6.8	9.7
Average		94.5%		

Source:*E.coli*:Fecal Coliform A.P. Dufour. Special Technical Publication 65, ASRM. Pp48-58, 1977

Quanti-Tray Demonstration



Add Colilert to sample
and shake to dissolve

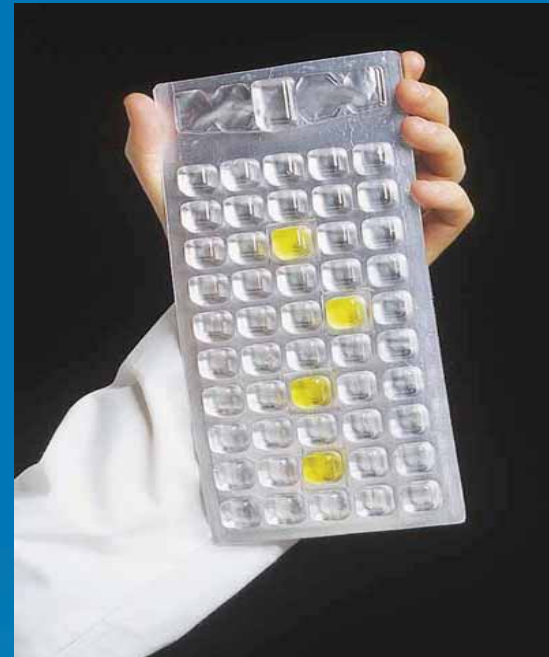


Pour mixture into a
Quanti-Tray

Quanti-Tray Demonstration



Seal and then incubate at
35°C for 24 hours



Count positive wells and
refer to MPN table

E. coli Positive Tray



EPA Criteria For *E. coli*

- According to the EPA's Ambient Water Quality for Bacteria For Marine and Fresh Recreational Water the following standard was set in 2005:
 - *E. coli*
 - 130 CFU/100ml for geometric mean
 - 240 CFU/100ml for single sample exceedance

Overview of 2008 Sampling Events

Sampling Event	Number of Samples	Number Exceeding 240 CFU/100 ML	% of Samples Exceeding Standard
MAY 2008	94	67	71%
JULY 2008	69	37	54%
OCT. 2008	56	25	45%

Rain Events for 2007 & 2008

➤ Rainfall Reported by Volunteers for Each Event 2007

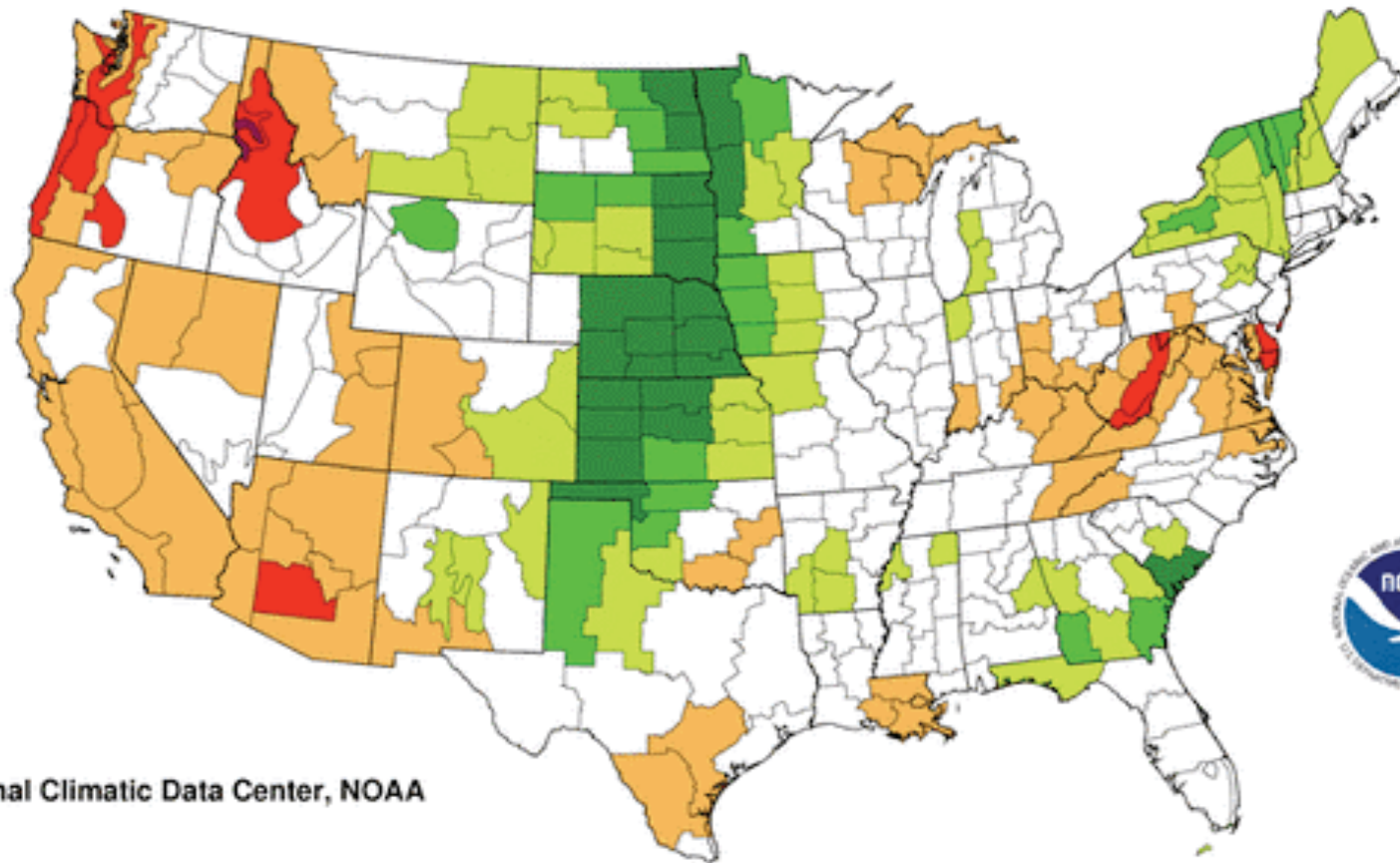
- May Ranged from 0.0 – 0.1
- July Ranged from 0.0 - 1.5
- September No Rainfall Reported

➤ Rainfall Reported by Volunteers for Each Event 2008

- May Ranged from 0.0 – 2.0
 - July Ranged from 0.0 - 1.0
 - October Ranged from 0.0 – 0.5
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Palmer Z Index Short-Term Conditions

October 2008




National Climatic Data Center, NOAA

extreme
drought

-2.75
and
below


severe
drought

-2.00
to
-2.74

moderate
drought

-1.25
to
-1.99


mid-
range

-1.24
to
+0.99

moderately
moist

+1.00
to
+2.49

very
moist

+2.50
to
+3.49

extremely
moist

+3.50
and
above

Licking River Watershed Watch

2007 vs. 2008 *E. coli* Data for Specific Sites

County and Stream	Station	May-07	May-08	Jul-07	Jul-08	Sep-07	Oct-08
Bath							
Licking River	L76	100			80	60	
Slate Creek	L113	320			580	880	
Boone							
Gunpowder Creek	L210	80		180	100		
Gunpowder Creek	L458		650	380		560	360
Gunpowder Creek	L459		560	260		520	560
Gunpowder Creek	L460		800	220		460	680
Gunpowder Creek	L461		300	420	440		
Gunpowder Creek	L462	320	560	1120	920		
Gunpowder Creek	L466	440	1200	680	860	60	
Gunpowder Creek	L467	320	540	60	300	60	
Gunpowder Creek	L472		0	200	40	140	
Gunpowder Creek	L287		680	220	320		
Gunpowder Creek	L452			34	20	2	
UT Gunpowder Creek	L457		340	80	240		

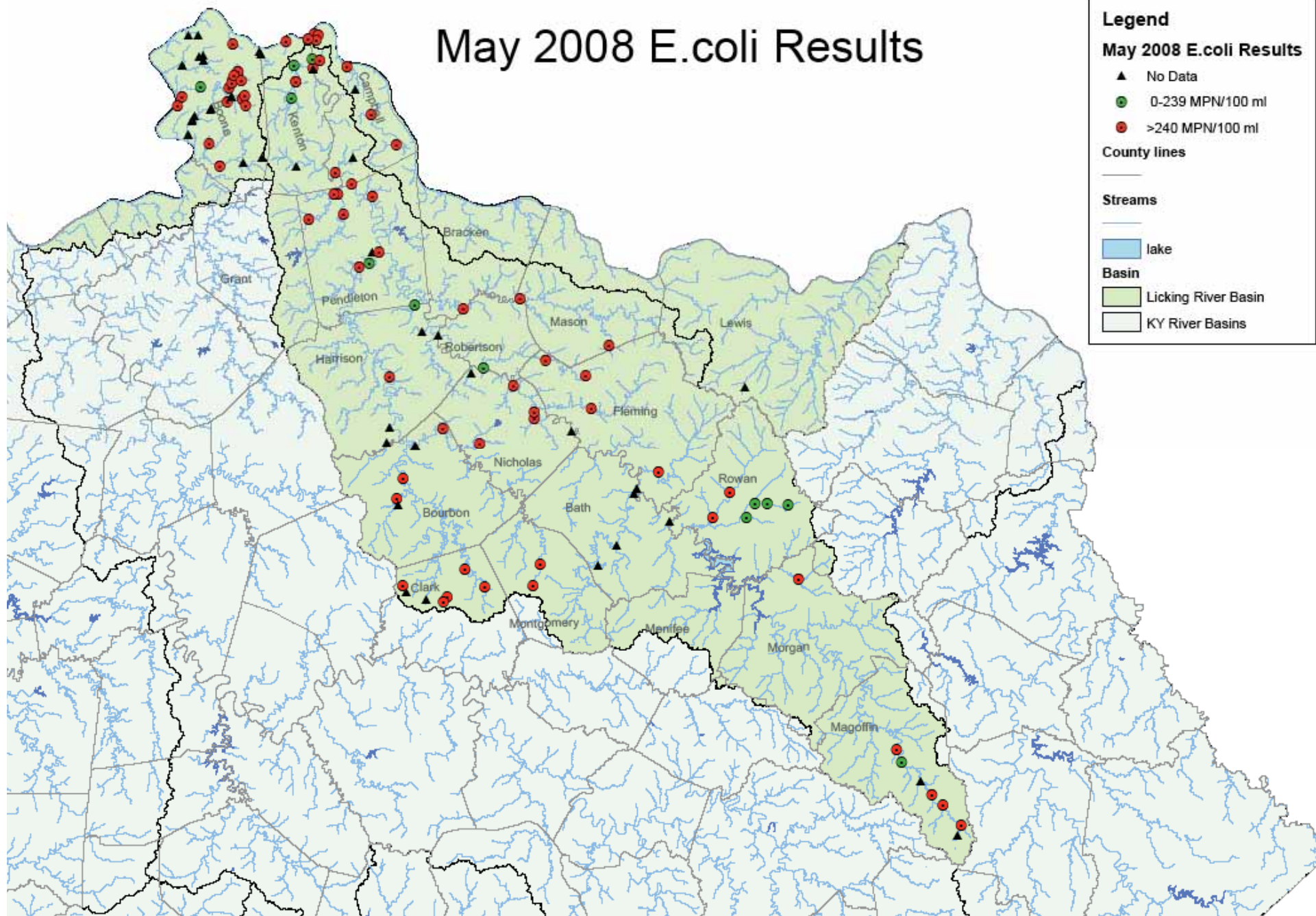
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Boone							
McCoys Fork	L241	240		140	180	80	
Woolper Creek	L245	40		480	300	20	200
Ashby Fork	L246	100		320	340		1080
Big Bone	L249	200	920	120	290	40	40
Mud Lick Creek	L250	40	300	200	540	20	240
Woolper Creek	L255	360		660	580	120	
Pleasant Run	L406		400	1140	860	80	4960
Middle Creek	L412	1600	240	560			120
Middle Creek	L413	1160	180	120			1360
Elijahs Creek	L417	20	680	860	101	160	160
McCoys Fork	L447			340	200	40	
Riddles Run	L453			220	340	80	
Bourbon							
Houston Creek	L42	600	380	640	400	80	
Stoner Creek	L43	600	646	780	120	40	
South Fork Licking	L46	20	1000	1240		60	
Townsend Creek	L47	160		380	281		
South Fork Licking	L54	40	120			20	
South Fork Licking	L78	220		120		20	160
Hinkston Creek	L79	80	4020	640	200	20	
Stoner Creek	L218			200	100	1720	80
Hinkston Creek	L225			320	220	60	200

County and Stream	Station	May-07	May-08	Jul-07	Jul-08	Sep-07	Oct-08
Campbell							
Twelvemile Creek	L05	260	3680	480	261		
Fourmile Creek	L48	80	540	360	700	80	320
Licking River	L60	60	120	460	140	40	120
Tug Fork	L073	440	240		1020		
Twelvemile Creek	L112	300	4960	100	260	960	
Phillips Creek	L153	40	300	100	320		1040
Taylor Creek	L178	6160	4960	2340	940	1060	4680
Taylor Creek	L179	9760	860	4500	3040	1220	17400
Licking River	L411	160	80		160		
Threemile Creek	L419	160	320		1100		
Licking River	L444		700	480	900	20	
Clark							
Stoner Creek	L17		10960	680			460
Little Stoner Creek	L45		9780	1860			
Fleming							
Mill Creek	L23	180	34660	1980			
Johnson Creek	L24	580	24060	39720			
Fleming Creek	L25	20	7740	620			20
Fox Creek	L27	60	22400	3700			520
Harrison							
Richland Creek	L216	220	100	620	100		
North Fork Licking	L217		240	200			

County and Stream	Station	May-07	May-08	Jul-07	Jul-08	Sep-07	Oct-08
Kenton							
Banklick Creek	L38		1080		580	480	220 160
Banklick Creek	L39		240		100	460	20 600
Banklick Creek	L470		240			120	40 0
Banklick Creek	L471		120			960	40 240
Magoffin							
Trace Fork	L192	460	300		560		0
Licking River	L235	400	180				340 82
Licking River	L236	880	320		1240		60 62
Salt Lick	L237	400	560		800		
Brushy Fork	L446	2220	6520		880		400 218
Montgomery							
Hinkston Creek	L61X	9220	4560			3440	720
Hinkston Creek	L62	840	1620		2300	2100	1560
Morgan							
North Fork Licking	L431	320	240		620	40	440
Nicholas							
Licking River	L83		240		80		20 120
Brushy Fork of Blue Lick	L89	420	620		280		160 80
Licking River	L91		6900		460		20 240
Fleming Creek	L92		7320		720		120 400

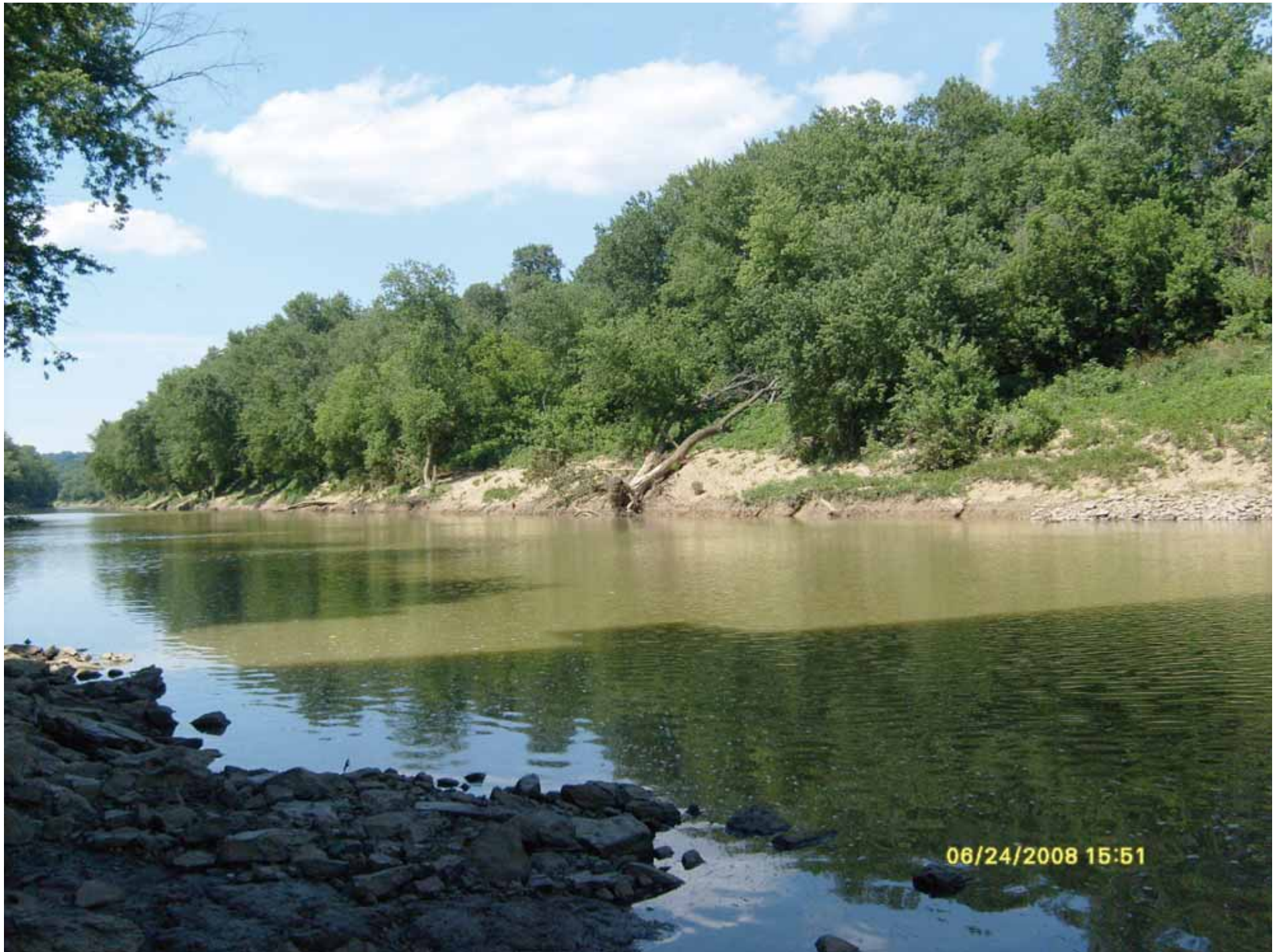
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Pendleton							
Licking River	L07		260	60	100	20	
South Fork Licking	L34		400	100	100	40	
Licking River	L61		440	80	20	20	0
Middle Fork Grassy Creek	L69	80	2260	720			
South Fork Licking	L127			120	100	20	80
Licking River	L128		460	60	141	80	200
Robertson							
Johnson Creek	L87	580	40	40		420	
North Fork Licking	L88	0	620	580		20	
Rowan							
North Fork Triplett Creek	L404	160	220	500	218	60	520
North Fork Triplett Creek	L405	320	520	900	170	0	480
Licking River	L434					80	80
Licking River	L436	80		180		20	40
Laurel Fork	L473	900		1220	440		
Christy Creek	L502	160	160	240	320	60	960
Dry Creek	L503	120	180	480	180	280	200

May 2008 E.coli Results









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Conclusion

- Percentage of samples out of compliance for primary contact recreation were higher during the May 2008 sampling event. This could be possibly due to a recent rain event.
- Rain events do have influence over the number of *E. Coli* found in surface water samples.
- LRWW should continue using *E. Coli* as its indicator of watershed contamination in order to adhere to the ambient water regulation.