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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Health Concerns at the Easton Lake Area

The Adams County Public Health Officer and the Adams County Sanitarian recommend County residents and visitors to the Easton lake area should be aware of the following personal health concerns due to the lowering of the water levels and the open lake bed:

- Muck contains concentrated bacteria and should be avoided. If there is any contact with lake or stream muck you should use soap and water to clean your skin (showering is best), wash those clothes immediately and wash down boots and other non-washable items with soap and water followed by a 10 percent (1 part bleach; 10 parts water) bleach solution wipe down. If you have any open wounds that have come into contact with these areas make sure that you have had a tetanus shot within the last ten years. If not check with your medical provider or call public health at 608-339-4513 to set up an appointment.
- Do not enter the area as there may be old straight line pipes from residences that could cause injury as well as sharp objects in the uncovered lake bed.
- Slips and falls are common when walking in muck.
- And you can become stuck in this material.

These same concerns also apply to pets that may be in this area as well.

Should you have any questions, contact the Public Health Office at 608-339-4513 during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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