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**South Central Public Health District wants the public to be aware of potential problems associated with localized flooding.**

**TWIN FALLS, ID** – According to Jeff Pierson, The South Central Public Health District Administrative Response Team met this morning to discuss health threats related to flooding associated with the rain and snowmelt that is occurring.

“We are starting to receive calls from the public related to flooded wells and failed septic systems. Excessive water can seep into residential wells leading to contamination. Similarly, septic systems are failing because of surface water infiltrating septic systems and drain fields. While the obvious solution is to prevent wells and drain fields from becoming water collection points, that isn’t always possible,” Pierson said.

Pierson continued, “crawl spaces and basements can also be a problem. Often these areas lack good ventilation and once moisture has collected in these low points, it doesn’t take long for mold to grow.”

To assist the public, the health district has setup a webpage with resources including a list of local, licensed contractors. [phd5.idaho.gov/Environment/Flood.htm](http://phd5.idaho.gov/Environment/Flood.htm).

If the public has questions or needs assistance, please call 866-710-9775 or visit [phd5.idaho.gov/Environment/Flood.htm](http://phd5.idaho.gov/Environment/Flood.htm).

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