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Public Notification

November 30, 2017

Sewage Overflow

In compliance with the Maryland Department of the Environment's Procedures for Public Notification of Sewage Spills, Overflows or Release, the Howard County Health Department in cooperation with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities reports the following:

CONDITION:	Sewage Overflow
WHERE:	Behind 5972 Turnabout Ln. Columbia, MD 21044
WHAT:	Approximately 10,000 gallon discharge
WHEN:	Notification Date: November 29, 2017

Pre-Cautious HEALTH ALERT

As a result of a grease blockage, a portion of a nearby stream was impacted from a sewage overflow from manhole #227-2942 first reported about 9:30am yesterday morning, and relieved shortly after the arrival of Utility staff. Clear liquid was observed overflowing from the manhole and running into the stream nearby. The public is reminded to avoid contact with these types of affected areas.

Sanitation Measures

Bureau of Utilities has cleared the blockage and the overflow was stopped. Staff has spread lime in the area and signage has been posted in a number of areas along the pathway. More frequent maintenance cleaning of this sewer line segment is now planned. Maryland Department of the Environment will be notified of the occurrence and subsequent response actions. Health Department staff has visited the site to confirm signage and to evaluate possible stream sampling.

For general information regarding the circumstances surrounding the overflow, contact:
BUREAU OF UTILITIES at 410-313-4900.