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FYI: See News Release Below. Environmental Health Division Director Kerry Topovski reports: 1) this advisory affects headwaters area of Mill Creek down to Haskell Drive; 2) no direct contact with water in this area (e.g., bathing, swimming, water skiing * boating OK; 3) those on the E-mail Alert System have been notified; 4) information posted on website and Water Quality phone line; 5) Health Department signs posted in affected areas; and 6) two businesses in the area: Magothy Seafood and Marina have been contacted. Gail

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Department of Health Issues Advisory Against Direct Water Contact
In Headwaters of Mill Creek

Annapolis, MD (June 7, 2006) - The Anne Arundel County Department of Health has issued an advisory to avoid swimming, skiing and other direct water contact in the headwaters area of Mill Creek (Arnold) due to high bacteria levels found in water samples collected by the Department's Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program. The Mill Creek advisory extends from the creek's headwaters to Haskell Drive. The Department advises people coming in contact with the affected water to wash well with soap and warm water immediately. Clothing should also be washed.

Water quality testing at Mill Creek is performed weekly as part of the Department's water quality monitoring program. Other locations in Mill Creek have tested at acceptable levels, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's criteria.

Environmental Health Division Director Kerry Topovski said, "Many factors such as tidal action and stagnant water can cause high test results. The Department will continue to closely monitor recreational water quality in this area."

The advisory will remain in effect until further notice from the Department of Health. For more information on the status of the advisory, call the Water Quality Line, 410-222-7999, or visit the "Water Quality" page on the Department's Web site, www.aahealth.org. The Water Quality page has a new section for signing up to receive free e-mail alerts when a County recreational waterway is closed or an advisory is issued by the Department of Health.

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