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I apologize if the two items below are repeats but wanted to share this information with you in case you have not seen it: 1) 7/12/06 Department of Health News Release concerning Lifting of Advisory for Mill Creek and 2) a Bureau of Engineering status report that our Department of Public Works Customer Relations shared with a constituent in the last two weeks in response to an inquiry. Gail

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LIFTS ADVISORY FOR MILL CREEK IN ARNOLD
Test Results Show Water Quality Acceptable for Swimming and Other Recreational Use

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health has received the test results of water samples collected on July 10 from Mill Creek in Arnold. Results show that the water in Mill Creek is acceptable for recreational water use, according to standards set by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Department of Health's advisory for Mill Creek, which was issued on June 22 due to high bacteria levels, has been lifted.

For more information on the Department of Health's water testing standards and water sample results, visit the Department's Web site www.aahealth.org, or call the Water Quality Line, 410-222-7999.

Direct Link:
<http://aahealth.org/news.asp?id=94>

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Bureau of Engineering Status Report:

Actions: The remaining sections of deteriorated pipe from the pumping station to Peninsula Farm Road have been remediated using an internal lining system that is not subject to corrosion. As explained at the February public meeting, the County has been conducting a follow-up water quality monitoring program on Mill and Dividing Creeks since late March. Water samples are being collected and tested biweekly from the tidal and weekly from non-tidal sections of both creeks. The testing program is being coordinated with scientists from the Magothy River Association to ensure comprehensive review and analysis of the information. At this time, we have not collected enough information to develop any conclusions. The most significant observation is that pollutant and bacteria levels in both creeks correspond very closely to rain events. The review committee is currently working to develop an appropriate format to disseminate this extremely technical and voluminous data into a format that is meaningful and useful for the public.

The goal of this monitoring is to determine whether there is any remaining legacy pollutant from the spill that would support a sediment removal action or other remedial action. The regulatory agencies that permit dredging in the waterways will need compelling reasons to allow such action, especially given that previous applications to dredge the upper headwaters were denied due to concerns with shallow water habitat and submerged aquatic vegetation.

A future public meeting has not yet been scheduled. Once we have collected sufficient information to provide meaningful observation, we plan to present the information in a public forum.

Thank you again for your inquiry and I hope this answers your questions.