

# St. Mary's County Health Department

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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT SUSPENDS PERC TESTING

LEONARDTOWN, MD (March 25, 2008) – Due to declining seasonal groundwater levels, St. Mary's County Health Department Environmental Health Services division has suspended wet season perc testing for all soil types. Health department staff conducted the last perc tests for the season Friday, March 21. Officials at the health department are citing declining groundwater levels as the reason, made clear by observing conditions within a network of monitoring wells in the county.

Perc tests applications received this season, which have not been scheduled, will be placed on hold and scheduled first when ground water levels are adequate for the next "wet season", expected in 2009. Applicants may also request a refund; however, they must reapply when the "wet season" returns and will lose their place in line for scheduling.

For more information, please contact Environmental Health Services at 301-475-4321.

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