

HEALTH ALERT

Public Notification Announcement

The St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission is reporting a sanitary sewer leak that occurred in the area of the Piney Point Road and Blake Creek Road intersection, Valley Lee, MD. St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission staff responded immediately upon notification of the leak on March 26, 2007 at 3:45 pm, the leak was contained by 4:30 pm and final repairs were made to the pipe at 10:00 pm. The sanitary sewer leak occurred as a result of pipe failure and the total estimated volume of the leak is 10,000 gallons. Approximately 16,000 gallons of wastewater diluted with surface water was vacuumed from adjacent Woodland Branch and Redman Branch. Receiving waters affected by this leak include portions of Woodland Branch and Redman Branch from the pipe failure site downstream to Herring Creek. **Public contact of the affected portions of Woodland Branch, Redman Branch and the headwaters of Herring Creek should be avoided for seven days.** For additional information, please contact the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission at (301) 373-5305.