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## **Health Department Warns Residents to Avoid Two Waterways Affected by Sewage Overflows**

**FREDERICK, MD --** Frederick County Health Department advises the public to avoid two locations in the county due to sewage overflows. One location is on Mount St. Mary's University campus on the east side of Rt. 15 in the waters from Saint Mary Run to Toms Creek to the Monocacy River. The second location is the Monocacy River from Rt 144 to Rt 80 or Fingerboard Rd, from Pinecliff Park to Buckeystown Park.

Swimming and full body immersion in these waters should be avoided due to the sewage overflow. If a resident comes in contact with the affected water, they should wash thoroughly with soap and warm water, especially before eating. Boating and fishing is still permitted and fish may still be safe to consume if cleaned, scaled, and cooked. Pet owners should also keep their pets away from these waters. Rivers at flood levels should always be avoided for general safety reasons and potential contaminants.

Signs will be posted around the locations of the overflows. Waters should be avoided for two weeks from today, until April 17, 2024.

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