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Health Department Warns Residents in Middletown to Avoid Waterway Affected by Sewage Overflow

FREDERICK, MD -- Frederick County Health Department advises the public to avoid an additional location in the county due to sewage overflows caused by recent rainfall. The affected area is around the Cone Branch Pump Station at 7317 Old Middletown Road in Middletown. Cone Branch Creek should be avoided from the pump station down to Bennies Hill Road.

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 are posted in public access areas around the overflow. Waters should be avoided for two weeks from today, until April 18, 2024.

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