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Emergency Sewer Line Repairs Continue

Customers in Urbana, Ijamsville, Landsdale Asked to Limit Use of System

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County's Division of Water and Sewer Utilities and its contractors made progress excavating and repairing a major sewer line that ruptured Tuesday evening. Crews will continue to work on repairs to the 30-inch pressurized line into the evening. Rock beneath the pipe needed to be removed to facilitate the repairs, slowing work for part of the day.

The ruptured line serves customers in the Urbana, Ijamsville and Landsdale communities. Customers in that area are asked to voluntarily minimize their water usage, by postponing laundry or dish washing, as they are able until the emergency repairs are completed.

Officials at the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Frederick County Health Department have been on-site to assess the situation. Water from nearby Bush Creek is being monitored to assess the impact on the waterway. Operators of water systems downstream of the rupture have been notified. The total amount of sewage that has escaped cannot be determined at this time.

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