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Water Main Break Results in Discolored Water

FREDERICK, Md. – Division of Water and Sewer Utilities crews are currently repairing a water main break that occurred earlier today at the intersection of Baltimore Road (Md. Rt. 144) and Bell's Lane. The road closure remains in effect until further notice. While water service has been restored to customers, residents in the Spring Ridge area may be experiencing discolored water.

The discoloration is caused by naturally occurring particles and minerals that have settled over time and are found in all water systems. The sediment was disturbed when staff opened or closed valves to isolate the main break, disrupting the normal flow pattern in the water mains.



Despite its appearance, this does not indicate that the water is unsafe or that the integrity of the water main is compromised. A disinfectant residual is maintained at all times to ensure that the water is safe for household use, including cooking and drinking. However, as a precautionary measure, bacteriological samples are being collected for analysis by the Division's laboratory.

For aesthetic reasons, residents are advised to avoid doing laundry until the water clears up. Staff will be flushing hydrants in affected areas. If someone notices discolored water in a home or business, run the water for a few minutes until the water clears.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Division of Water and Sewer Utilities at 301-600-1825 or after-hours at 301-600-2194.

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