



February 23, 2024

Mr. Joshua Kurtz, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Tawes State Office Building  
580 Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Secretary Kurtz:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has determined by appropriate investigation in the area described below that these waters are polluted so that shellfish produced or stored in this area are a hazard to public health. Therefore, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 4-742, MDE hereby reclassifies the area described below as restricted for the harvesting of shellfish **effective March 11, 2024**. Please note that this reclassification does not change the Department of Natural Resources designation of the area described as an oyster sanctuary.

**Miles River, Talbot County (27A)**

All the waters of the Miles River upstream of a line running in a northwesterly direction beginning at a point of land on the south shore of the Miles River (38°47'08.9" North Latitude, 76°08'18.1" West Longitude) to a point of land on the north shore of the Miles River (38°47'23.0" North Latitude, 76°08'28.0" West Longitude), and all of the waters of the Miles River downstream of a line running in a northwesterly direction beginning at a point of land on the south shore of the Miles River (38°47'31.2" North Latitude, 76°07'34.9" West Longitude) to a point of land on the north shore of the Miles River (38°47'38.0" North Latitude, 76°07'46.5" West Longitude)

The following area will remain restricted to shellfish harvesting:

**Miles River, Talbot County (27A)**

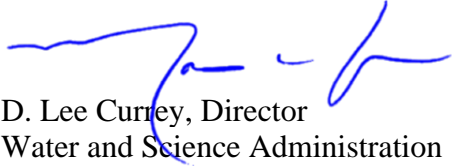
All the waters of the Miles River upstream of a line running in a northwesterly direction beginning at a point of land on the south shore of the Miles River (Lat. 38°47'31.2" North Latitude, 76°07'34.9" West Longitude) to a point of land on the north shore of the Miles River (38°47'38.0" North Latitude, 76°07'46.5" West Longitude)

Effective Date: September 20, 1973  
Continued Date: May 30, 2011, March 11, 2024

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A map of this area is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Lee Currey". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke.

D. Lee Currey, Director  
Water and Science Administration

Attachment

cc: (see attached list)