



Water and Science Administration
Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program

GUIDANCE FOR EMERGENCY ACTIONS (v. May 2026)

To facilitate emergency actions/repairs which impact State-regulated water resources, the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE” or “the Department”) highlights the following established procedures for conducting emergency repairs under COMAR 26.17.04.06 (D) Construction on Nontidal Waters and Floodplains, 26.23.02.08 Nontidal Wetlands, COMAR 26.24 Tidal Wetlands, COMAR 23.02.04.05C State Tidal Wetland Licensing Procedures, and COMAR 26.08.02.10E(3) Emergency Water Quality Certifications.

An emergency condition exists when: (1) the emergency repairs will prevent a threat to life, severe loss or damage to property, or an imminent threat to public safety or the environment; and (2) the anticipated threat, loss, or damage may occur before a permit can be issued by MDE. While the Department strongly encourages you to contact MDE before beginning any emergency work, you may initiate emergency repairs immediately. Additionally, you must:

Notify MDE no later than the next business day after beginning an emergency regulated activity;

- a. MDE has developed emergency action notification forms and guidance to streamline your notification to the Department. These forms can be found on MDE’s website at:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/index.aspx>

Limit repairs to only what is necessary to abate the emergency situation;

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- Employ standard best management practices during the emergency work (if practicable), such as stream diversion and dewatering; and
- Submit an application after-the-fact for review and approval, as required.

Typical details for methods when working in a nontidal waterway or 100-year nontidal floodplain can be located within Maryland’s Waterway Construction Guidelines on MDE’s website at:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/DocumentsandInformation/Pages/guide.aspx>

The Department’s principal contacts are provided in the following tables. Recognizing that the majority of emergency repair work is related to roads, bridges, culverts, and tidal shorelines, contact information and County assignments are provided for the engineers and project managers assigned to the Waterway Construction Division, the Tidal Wetlands Division and the Regional Chiefs for the Nontidal Wetlands Division.

PRINCIPAL CONTACT	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
William Seiger, Chief Waterway Construction Division	410-537-3821 443-324-6918 (cell)	william.seiger@maryland.gov
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Jon Stewart, Chief Tidal Wetlands Division	410-537-3059 443-509-0795 (cell)	jon.stewart@maryland.gov

NONTIDAL WETLANDS DIVISION CONTACTS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	REGIONAL CHIEF	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Eastern- CO, DO, KN, QA, SO, TA, WI, WO	Mieko Ivasauskas	410-713-3667 443-717-0951 (cell)	mieko.ivasauskas@maryland.gov
Central-AA, BA, BC, CA, CE, CH, HA, PG, SO	Jeff Thompson	410-537-3828 443-463-9850 (cell)	jeffrey.thompson@maryland.gov
Western- AL, CL, FR, GA, HO, MO, WA	Matt Radcliffe	301-689-1492 240-362-2141 (cell)	matt.radcliffe@maryland.gov

WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION CONTACTS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	PROJECT ENGINEER	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Allegany, Garrett, & Washington County	Wuhib Bayou	410-537-3605	wuhib.bayou@maryland.gov
Frederick County	Kevin Sze	410-537-3797	kevin.sze@maryland.gov
Prince George's County	Ryan Din	410-537-4247	ryan.din@maryland.gov
Carroll County Howard County	Debra Correia	410-537-3900	debra.correia@maryland.gov
Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's County	Sebastian Fernandez	410-537-3706	sebastian.fernandez@maryland.gov
Harford & Cecil County	Imtiaz Choudhry	410-537-3813	imtiaz.choudhry@maryland.gov
Anne Arundel County	Hanifah Parker-Morrison	410-537-3939	hanifah.parker-morrison@maryland.gov
Eastern Shore Counties	William Seiger	410-537-3821	william.seiger@maryland.gov
Montgomery County	Georger Wieber	410-537-3251	georger.wieber@maryland.gov
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TIDAL WETLAND DIVISION CONTACTS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	REGIONAL CHIEF	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Western Shore of Chesapeake Bay	Heather Hepburn Western Region Chief	410-537-3789	heather.hepburn1@maryland.gov
Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay	Matthew Wallach Eastern Region Chief	410-537-3527	matthew.wallach@maryland.gov
COUNTY	PROJECT REVIEWER	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Baltimore City	Matthew Wallach	410-537-3527	matthew.wallach@maryland.gov
Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County - Northern county line to Fort Smallwood Park	Willem Brown	410-537-3622	willem.brown@maryland.gov
Anne Arundel County - Fort Smallwood Park to Bay Bridge, Harford	Melissa McCanna	410-537-4053	melissa.mccanna@maryland.gov
Anne Arundel County - Bay Bridge to northern border of Highland Beach	Mel Throckmorton	410-537-3559	mel.throckmorton@maryland.gov

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Charles County, St. Mary's County	Justin Berezna	410-537-3782	justin.berezna@maryland.gov
Calvert County, Prince George's County	Kathryn Burcham	410-537-3647	kathryn.burcham@maryland.gov
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Caroline County, Somerset County, Wicomico County	Mary Phipps-Dickerson	410-901-4033	mary.phipps-dickerson@maryland.gov
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