



Water and Science Administration
Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program

GUIDANCE FOR EMERGENCY ACTIONS

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

Typical details for methods can be located within Maryland’s Waterway Construction Guidelines on MDE’s website at:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/DocumentandInformation/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 assigned to the Waterway Construction Division and the Tidal Wetlands Division.

PRINCIPAL CONTACT	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
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WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION CONTACTS BY COUNTY			
COUNTY	PROJECT ENGINEER	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
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TIDAL WETLAND DIVISION CONTACTS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	PROJECT REVIEWER	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Western Shore Counties			
Anne Arundel County - North shore of Magothy River to the outlets to the Patapsco River to Northern AA County line & Harford County	Melissa McCanna	410-537-4053	melissa.mccanna@maryland.gov
Anne Arundel County - South shore of Magothy River to south shore of the Severn River to the City of Annapolis border- excludes Naval Academy and Greenberry Point	Alaina Johnson	410-537-4272	alaina.johnson@maryland.gov
Anne Arundel County - South Shore of the Severn River in City of Annapolis to the North Shore of South River - includes Naval Academy and Greenberry Point	Mel Throckmorton	410-537-3559	mel.throckmorton@maryland.gov
Anne Arundel County - south shore of the South River to the Southern AA County line	Guy Stefanelli	410-537-3247	guy.stefanelli@maryland.gov

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