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Pipe Repaired, Spill Contained Off Route 33

The Talbot County Environmental Operations staff has repaired a cracked pipe fitting that resulted in a sewage leak on the south side of St. Michaels Road near Bloomfield Road/North Bend Circle.

Around 3:45 p.m. on October 2, a Talbot County citizen reported leakage from a manhole near the Bloomfield Road/North Bend Circle area. A pipe fitting was found to be cracked at the manhole. This facility is part of the sanitary sewer force main from Unionville and flows to the Royal Oak Pump Station.

Environmental Operations staff responded, the leak was contained, a private tanker truck was contracted to vacuum the sewage that was present on the ground, and the fitting has been repaired.

Approximately 300 to 500 gallons of sewage were released from the system and flowed to a nearby drainage ditch along Maryland Route 33. After recovering the liquid waste, lime was spread over the area to neutralize any pathogens present in the sewage. No sewage was released into the waters of Talbot County or the Chesapeake Bay.

“Anyone who sees something of concern should contact the Department of Public Works immediately,” says John Allen, Manager, Environmental Operations. “We are grateful to our citizens for responding quickly.”

Staff from the Talbot County Sanitary District can be reached at 410-745-9257 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, call the 24-hour emergency line at 877-469-3494.

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