

**DISCLOSURE RELATED TO
GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION IN
WICOMICO COUNTY**



A) DOE RUN AREA

The Wicomico County Health Department, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of the Environment, is currently investigating the presence of 1, 2-dichloropropane in the "Doe Run Area." The streets are Jackson Road and Doe Run Drive.

1, 2-dichloropropane is a colorless, flammable liquid with a chloroform-like color. It is moderately soluble in water and readily evaporates into the air. It does not occur naturally in the environment. It was used in the past as a soil fumigant, chemical intermediate, industrial solvent, and was found in paint strippers, varnishes, and furniture polish removers. Exposure to high levels of 1, 2-dichloropropane may damage the liver, kidneys, blood and lungs, and affect the brain. Breathing low levels over short or long term periods may cause damage to the liver, kidney, and respiratory system. Ingesting 1, 2-dichloropropane may also cause reproductive health effects. The Wicomico County Health Department is currently examining permanent solutions. A map of the affected area is available from the Wicomico County Environmental Health Department. Any request for a copy of the map of the affected area and/or any questions should be directed to Wicomico County Environmental Health, 410-546-4446.

B) MORRIS MILL AREA

The Wicomico County Health Department, in conjunction with the Maryland Department of the Environment, is currently investigating the presence of trichloroethylene (TCE) in the "Morris Mill Area." The boundaries consist of South Division Street, Tony Tank Creek (North of Coulbourn Mill Road), the 13 bypass and Slab Bridge Creek (South of Morris Mill Road).

TCE is an industrial solvent used to remove grease from metals and in the production of other chemicals. It is also used in paints, varnishes, lacquers, paint removers, adhesives, and other commercial and consumer products. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified TCE as a human carcinogen, based on evidence for a relationship between long-term TCE exposure and kidney cancer. The EPA has concluded that long-term exposures could pose risks to the nervous system, kidneys, liver, immune system, and male reproductive system. The EPA has also concluded that TCE exposure might pose risks to unborn babies, including birth defects. The Wicomico County Health Department is currently examining permanent solutions. A map of the affected area is available from the Wicomico County Environmental Health Department. Any request for a copy of the map of the affected area and/or any questions should be directed to Wicomico County Environmental Health, 410-546-4446.

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