

Pearce Creek open house set for Saturday

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Port Authority are co-sponsoring a “Community Open House” Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pearce Creek dredge materials containment area.

The event will be conducted inside a big tent erected near the entrance to the spoils site.

Officials plan to have a variety of informational stations set up with representatives on hand to answer questions from residents of the area, which has been impacted by the dumping of dredge spoils in prior years that has led to contamination of private wells.

Cecil County Health Department will be one of the agencies with an information booth May 18.

Cecil County Health Officer Stephanie Garrity told the county council last week that her department has tested 36 wells and has scheduled 79 more in response to requests from residents of nearby communities.



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The Pearce Creek Dredge Material Containment Area was determined to be the cause of contamination of local groundwater in a U.S. Geological Survey study released in January.