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MEMORANDUM

To: Excavators, surveyors, engineers and property owners

From: Heidi Benham, Manager 
Well and Septic Section

Re: Water table season 2020

The 2020 Montgomery County water table testing season will **begin Monday February 10th, 2020 and tentatively end on Wednesday April 15th, 2020. These dates are subject to change based on precipitation amounts and field observations during the testing season.** A water table test is required for all proposed sewage disposal areas. Upon successful completion of the water table evaluation, percolation tests may then be conducted any time to determine soil suitability.

The current water table test fee is \$475.86 per lot, per visit to the site by the County Well and Septic Inspector. A maximum of fifteen (15) water table sites per lot shall be prepared for evaluation per water table fee paid. Evaluation of additional water table sites shall require an additional fee(s) to be paid in advance of scheduling the evaluation(s).

The submission deadline for applications for water table testing shall be Monday March 30th, 2020. Applications submitted after March 30th, 2020 may be at risk for missing the 2020 testing season. A complete application package should include:

- A completed Application for Well/Septic Services or Permit
- Two copies of an engineered test plan
- Applicable fees (initial plan review fee also due once at time of submission). Please refer to the current fee schedule.
- Applications submitted for vacant parcels must include an exception memo from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to verify the property qualifies for an exception to platting requirements.
- If the property has no legal address, applications must include an address assignment/verification memo issued by M-NCPPC. Please contact the DARC Division at 301-495-4609.
- Applications submitted for testing involving major subdivision, must include confirmation of application to M-NCPPC for the subdivision process.

For additional information, please contact Heidi Benham, Manager, Well and Septic Section, at 240-777-6318.