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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Friendsville Water System

On Wednesday, February 7, 2018 the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division issued a Conserve Water Notice for the Town of Friendsville water system.

This Notice was issued when what appeared to be fuel oil was observed in the Youghiogheny River. Due to an abundance of caution, the water intake at the Friendsville plant was closed. The Maryland Department of the Environment has isolated the source of the spill, evaluated the situation, and authorized the start-up of the Friendsville Water Plant. The Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division will conduct additional enhanced water quality testing.

During the time the water plant was off-line there was sufficient water in the system to supply the needs of the Town. The water was safe to drink and at no time did contaminated water enter the system. The water conservation notice has been removed.