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Washington Aqueduct to hold public meetings on Risk Management Plans

Baltimore –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District's Washington Aqueduct Division will hold two public meetings later this month to brief area residents on the results of efforts to prepare and implement risk management plans for the storage of chemicals at its two water treatment facilities.

The first meeting is Monday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m., at the Trinity College auditorium, 125 Michigan Avenue, NE, which is near the Aqueduct's McMillan Water Treatment Plant. The second meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m., at the Sibley Hospital auditorium, 5255 Loughboro Road, NW.

At the meetings, Aqueduct officials will provide details on what chemicals are stored and used at the water treatment facilities and the required planning that has been done to mitigate any potential hazards these chemicals might pose to the community.

In 1996, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a chemical accident prevention rule that requires water systems to prepare and implement a risk management plan relating to certain regulated chemicals stored on their facilities. As part of this rule, water systems are required to brief local communities on the risk management plans.

The Washington Aqueduct is responsible for the treatment and the wholesale distribution of drinking water to the District of Columbia, Arlington County, Va., and the Falls Church service area in Virginia.

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