

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING**

**PROPOSED SIXTH BIENNIAL REVISION TO THE  
FIVE-YEAR PLAN  
AND  
PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT TO CHARGES FOR THE  
DARLINGTON WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT**

The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) will hold a public information hearing on August 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Darlington Fire House, located at 2600 Castleton Road in Darlington, Harford County, Maryland. The purpose of this hearing is to solicit comments on the proposed sixth revision to the Five Year Plan, which updates the status of the water system and outlines completed capital improvements made to date. The hearing will review the costs associated with the improvements already made and present the proposed new rate structure for the Darlington Water Supply Service District. There will be an opportunity for the public to raise any questions, comments and/or concerns.

MES is required by law to review and readopt the Service District's Five Year Plan. It shall report the full costs incurred to operate and maintain the Service District whenever making any adjustment to rates charged. These costs include emergency repairs, costs incidental to ongoing operations and maintenance of the water supply and distribution system, maintenance of a the sinking fund used for major repairs and debt service. The proposed new quarterly rate will be a combination of a fixed charge which will now be tied to the Consumer Price Index and a variable charge per 1000 gallons of water used. Implementation of this new rate is scheduled for October 2011.

Sign language interpreters and/or other appropriate accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities will be provided upon reasonable request in advance of the date of the meeting by contacting the representative below, or through the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-735-2258 (TTY/Voice).

A copy of the Proposed Sixth Biennial Revision to the Five Year Plan can be found at the Harford County Public Library, Darlington Branch, or at [www.menv.com/darlington](http://www.menv.com/darlington). For more information contact Kaley Walker, Communications Specialist at Maryland Environmental Service, 259 Najoles Rd., Millersville, MD 21108 or 410-729-8638.

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