Illegal Discharge into Accotink Creek

On September 21st, 2013, during a Friends of Accotink Creek stream cleanup, it began to rain fairly heavily. The water began to flow in the concrete drainage channel located in front of Telegraph Square Drive, which had been dry earlier in the day. One of the outfalls into the channel was clear, while the other was a questionable opaque milky color.

We had reported similar discharges here in the past, but thought this had been corrected. We again reported this incident to Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division, who investigated and took corrective action.

There was a business with an illicit connection to the storm sewer system. Fairfax County plumbing inspectors have indicated that the discharge has now been re-routed to the sanitary sewer.

Which business? Star Marble and Granite on Lockport Place.

What was being discharged? Process water from marble and granite fabricating.

What penalty was imposed? Star Marble and Granite was required to sever the connection to the storm sewer and to connect to the sanitary sewer. No additional enforcement action was issued. (How lenient!)

Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division appreciates being informed of any pollutants to our streams and hopes that citizens continue to contact them whenever they find problems:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/

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