## Report Stream Pollution

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<th>Yellow/Brown</th>
<th>Gray</th>
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<td>Greasy material that clumps together is likely to be grease or fuel oil.</td>
<td>Strong sewer odor, gray discolored water with solids indicate a possible sewage overflow.</td>
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<th>White sudsy</th>
<th>White cloudy/Milky</th>
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<td>Usually associated with washing activities; residential or commercial car washing, pressure washing, or other detergent discharge.</td>
<td>Without identifiable solids, suds or odor, it is likely run off from cement cutting, painting, caulking or grouting-related.</td>
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<th>Rainbow Sheen</th>
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<td>Can result from iron-oxidizing bacteria or oil discharges. To differentiate, trail a stick through the film. If film readily breaks into small clusters, it is likely bacteria. If it swirls together, it is most likely a petroleum discharge. Only report petroleum discharges.</td>
<td>When associated with a strong chemical/sewage odor and fecal solids, could indicate wastewater from portable toilets (port-a-johns).</td>
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<td>With strong petroleum or gas odor may be fuel oil.</td>
<td>Uranine dye is used by some public utilities to conduct dye tests of sewer systems.</td>
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Report Construction Site Runoff

Mud that is running off or being tracked off an active construction site should be reported to 703-228-3693. Note that this number is not monitored on a 24-hour basis. Leave a message. A follow up investigation will take place the next business day.

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Naturally-caused Discolored Stream Water

Do not report the following instances of discolored streams.

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<td>This is a naturally occurring phenomenon associated with iron-oxidizing bacteria.</td>
<td>Light yellow suds or film on stagnant water in spring or early summer due to pollen.</td>
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<td>Fibrous, hairy, slime layers with visible air bubbles may indicate an algae bloom.</td>
<td>Found in fall, usually the result of tannins released from fallen leaves.</td>
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Stream-related Resources

- Should my dog play in the stream?
  http://parks.aramlingtonva.us/parksfacilities/dog-parks/dog-play-stream/
- Stormwater & Watersheds: http://environment.aramlingtonva.us/stormwater-watersheds/
- Stream monitoring program: http://environment.aramlingtonva.us/streams/stream-monitoring/
- Stream safety: http://environment.aramlingtonva.us/streams/stream-safety/

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