

NUVEEN MARYLAND DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3
Form N-Q
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21153

Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 5/31

Date of reporting period: 2/28/09

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NWI)

February 28, 2009

Principal

Amount (000) Description (1)

Consumer Discretionary □ 3.0% (1.9% of Total Investments)

\$	2,385	Baltimore, Maryland, Senior Lien Convention Center Hotel Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.250%, 9/01/39 □ SYNCORA GTY Insured
	380	Baltimore, Maryland, Subordinate Lien Convention Center Hotel Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.875%, 9/01/39
	700	Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Revenue Bonds, Chesapeake Bay Hyatt Conference Center, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 12/01/31

3,465 Total Consumer Discretionary

Consumer Staples □ 2.7% (1.7% of Total Investments)

	2,500	Puerto Rico, The Children's Trust Fund, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.375%, 5/15/33
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Education and Civic Organizations □ 12.2% (7.9% of Total Investments)

	225	Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Community College Project, Series 2002, 5.125%, 9/01/22
	625	Frederick County, Maryland, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Mount Saint Mary's College, Series 2006, 5.625%, 9/01/38
	690	Hartford County, Maryland, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Battelle Memorial Institute, Series 2004, 5.250%, 4/01/34
	625	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Goucher College, Series 2004, 5.125%, 7/01/34
	1,000	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Johns Hopkins University, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/32
	925	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Maryland Institute College of Art, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/30
	625	Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Series 2005A, 6.000%, 5/01/35
	710	Montgomery County Revenue Authority, Maryland, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery College Arts Center Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 5/01/18
	1,000	Morgan State University, Maryland, Student Tuition and Fee Revenue Bonds, Academic Fees and Auxiliary Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/32 □ FGIC Insured
	985	University of Maryland, Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 4.625%, 4/01/21
	800	University of Maryland, Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 10/01/22
	890	Westminster, Maryland, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, McDaniel College, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/01/31

9,100 Total Education and Civic Organizations

Health Care □ 27.1% (17.5% of Total Investments)

	700	Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Maryland Medical System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 7/01/31
	1,000	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Series 1998, 5.125%, 7/01/33 □ FSA Insured
	775	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Calvert Memorial

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	Hospital, Series 2004, 5.500%, 7/01/36
1,250	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Carroll County General Hospital, Series 2002, 5.800%, 7/01/32
1,750	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Carroll Hospital Center, Series 2006, 5.000%, 7/01/40
870	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Civista Medical Center, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/37 ☐ RAAI Insured
885	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Doctors Community Hospital, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/29
700	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Series 2002, 5.125%, 7/01/35
800	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.000%, 7/01/34 ☐ MBIA Insured
1,000	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Series 2001, 5.000%, 5/15/21
735	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Series 2004, Inverse 1003, 13.498%, 7/01/33 (IF)
1,000	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kennedy Krieger Institute, Series 2003, 5.500%, 7/01/33
595	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, LifeBridge Health System, Series 2008, 5.000%, 7/01/28 ☐ AGC Insured
900	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, MedStar Health, Series 2004, 5.375%, 8/15/24
1,690	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, MedStar Health, Series 2007, 5.250%, 5/15/46 ☐ BHAC Insured
	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Mercy Medical Center Project, Series 2007A:
525	5.000%, 7/01/37
340	5.500%, 7/01/42
650	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Mercy Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.625%, 7/01/31
850	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Series 2006, 5.000%, 7/01/36
1,845	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Union Hospital of Cecil County, Series 2002, 5.625%, 7/01/32
1,220	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Washington County Hospital, Series 2008, 5.750%, 1/01/38
775	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Adventist Healthcare, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 1/01/25
900	Prince George's County, Maryland, Revenue Bonds, Dimensions Health Corporation, Series 1994, 5.300%, 7/01/24

21,755 Total Health Care

Housing/Multifamily ☐ 7.7% (5.0% of Total Investments)

980	Maryland Community Development Administration, Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2002B, 4.950%, 7/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
1,250	Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Senior Lien Student Housing Revenue Bonds,

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	University of Maryland □ Baltimore, Series 2003A, 5.625%, 10/01/23
	Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Student Housing Revenue Bonds, Sheppard Pratt University Village, Series 2001:
20	5.875%, 7/01/21 □ ACA Insured
150	6.000%, 7/01/33 □ ACA Insured
475	Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Student Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, University of Maryland College Park Projects, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/33 □ CFIG Insured
	Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission, Maryland, Multifamily Housing Development Bonds, Series 2002B:
515	5.100%, 7/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
3,000	5.200%, 7/01/44 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

6,390 Total Housing/Multifamily

Housing/Single Family □ 8.2% (5.3% of Total Investments)

350	Maryland Community Development Administration Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2007H, 5.000%, 9/01/27 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
1,280	Maryland Community Development Administration Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2008C, 5.375%, 9/01/39
595	Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2006F, 4.900%, 9/01/26 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
1,200	Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2006I, 4.875%, 9/01/26 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
815	Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2006L, 4.900%, 9/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
620	Maryland Community Development Administration, Department of Housing and Community Development, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2007D, 4.850%, 9/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
1,160	Maryland Community Development Administration, Residential Revenue Bonds, Series 2005E, 4.900%, 9/01/36 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

6,020 Total Housing/Single Family

Industrials □ 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)

510	Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Waste Management Inc., Series 2002, 4.600%, 4/01/16 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
1,000	Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, Baltimore, Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, RESCO Retrofit Project, Series 1998, 4.750%, 1/01/12 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

1,510 Total Industrials

Long-Term Care □ 2.8% (1.8% of Total Investments)

1,050	Baltimore County, Maryland, Revenue Bonds, Oak Crest Village, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 1/01/37
400	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Edenwald, Series

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2006A, 5.400%, 1/01/31
 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, King Farm
 Presbyterian Community, Series 2007A:
 280 5.000%, 1/01/17
 520 5.250%, 1/01/27
 540 Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Mercy Ridge
 Retirement Community, Series 2007, 4.750%, 7/01/34

2,790 Total Long-Term Care

Tax Obligation/General □ 19.3% (12.5% of Total Investments)

1,000 Annapolis, Maryland, General Obligation Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2002,
 4.375%, 4/01/17
 380 Carroll County, Maryland, Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 12/01/16
 1,260 Charles County, Maryland, Consolidated General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series
 2002, 4.400%, 1/15/16
 710 Frederick, Maryland, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 8/01/16 □ MBIA Insured
 1,000 Maryland National Capital Park Planning Commission, Prince George's County, General Obligation
 Bonds, Park Acquisition and Development, Series 2004EE-2, 5.000%, 1/15/17
 1,850 Montgomery County, Maryland, Consolidated General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series
 2005A, 5.000%, 7/01/15
 1,440 Montgomery County, Maryland, Consolidated General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series
 2006, 5.000%, 5/01/16
 1,000 Prince George's County, Maryland, General Obligation Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds,
 Series 2004C, 5.000%, 12/01/11
 1,000 St. Mary's County, Maryland, General Obligation Hospital Bonds, Series 2002, 5.000%, 10/01/12
 1,000 Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland,
 Sewerage Disposal Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 6/01/16
 1,000 Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland,
 Water Supply Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 6/01/16

11,640 Total Tax Obligation/General

Tax Obligation/Limited □ 33.2% (21.4% of Total Investments)

1,000 Baltimore Board of School Commissioners, Maryland, Revenue Bonds, City Public School System,
 Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/01/15
 135 Frederick County, Maryland, Lake Linganore Village Community Development Special Obligation
 Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.600%, 7/01/20 □ RAAI Insured
 450 Hyattsville, Maryland, Special Obligation Bonds, University Town Center Project, Series 2004,
 5.750%, 7/01/34
 5,000 Maryland Department of Transportation, Consolidated Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series 2002,
 5.500%, 2/01/16
 2,200 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Transportation
 Headquarters Building, Series 2002, 4.750%, 6/01/22
 450 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery County
 Town Square Parking Garage, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 9/15/13
 2,935 Maryland Economic Development Corporation, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery County
 Wayne Avenue Parking Project, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 9/15/16

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Maryland Stadium Authority, Lease Revenue Bonds, Montgomery County Conference Center Facilities, Series 2003:

1,465	5.000%, 6/15/21
1,620	5.000%, 6/15/23
1,210	Prince George's County, Maryland, Special Obligation Bonds, National Harbor Project, Series 2005, 5.200%, 7/01/34
575	Prince George's County, Maryland, Special Tax District Bonds, Victoria Falls Project, Series 2005, 5.250%, 7/01/35
1,200	Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2007N, 5.250%, 7/01/31 ☐ AMBAC Insured
	Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority, Guaranteed Government Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2002G:
1,000	5.250%, 7/01/17
1,205	5.250%, 7/01/20
1,275	5.250%, 7/01/21
700	Puerto Rico, Highway Revenue Bonds, Highway and Transportation Authority, Series 2003AA, 5.500%, 7/01/19 ☐ MBIA Insured

22,420 Total Tax Obligation/Limited

Transportation ☐ 3.4% (2.2% of Total Investments)

2,210	Maryland Transportation Authority, Revenue Bonds, Transportation Facilities Projects, Series 2007, 5.000%, 7/01/30 ☐ FSA Insured (UB)
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U.S. Guaranteed ☐ 25.9% (16.7% of Total Investments) (4)

10	Anne Arundel County, Maryland, General Obligation Bonds, Consolidated General Improvements, Series 1999, 5.000%, 5/15/19 (Pre-refunded 5/15/09)
255	Baltimore, Maryland, Wastewater Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 7/01/31 (Pre-refunded 7/01/16) ☐ AMBAC Insured
	Frederick County, Maryland, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Mount St. Mary's College, Series 2001A:
100	5.750%, 9/01/25 (Pre-refunded 3/01/10)
100	5.800%, 9/01/30 (Pre-refunded 3/01/10)
100	Frederick County, Maryland, General Obligation Public Facilities Bonds, Series 1999, 5.250%, 7/01/17 (Pre-refunded 7/01/09)
110	Frederick County, Maryland, Lake Linganore Village Community Development Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.600%, 7/01/20 (Pre-refunded 7/01/10) ☐ RAAI Insured
280	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Collington Episcopal Life Care Community Inc., Series 2001A, 6.750%, 4/01/23 (Pre-refunded 4/01/11)
285	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Helix Health, Series 1997, 5.000%, 7/01/17 ☐ AMBAC Insured (ETM)
725	Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, LifeBridge Health System, Series 2004A, 5.125%, 7/01/34 (Pre-refunded 7/01/14)
855	Maryland Transportation Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Transportation Facilities Projects, First Series 1978, 6.800%, 7/01/16 (ETM)
4,860	Prince George's County Housing Authority, Maryland, GNMA Collateralized Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Fairview and Hillside Projects, Series 2002A, 4.700%, 11/20/22 (Pre-refunded 11/20/12)
1,525	Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, Power Revenue Bonds, Series 2000HH, 5.250%, 7/01/29

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(Pre-refunded 7/01/10) □ FSA Insured

- 3,500 Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority, Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2000A, 5.500%, 10/01/40
- 1,000 Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation, Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.125%, 6/01/24 □ AMBAC Insured (ETM)
- 235 Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation, Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.500%, 8/01/29 (Pre-refunded 2/01/12)
- 2,000 University of Maryland, Auxiliary Facility and Tuition Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 4/01/22 (Pre-refunded 4/01/12)
- 25 Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland, General Obligation Construction Bonds, Second Series 2001, 5.000%, 6/01/17 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)

15,965 Total U.S. Guaranteed

Utilities □ 1.4% (0.9% of Total Investments)

- 1,250 Maryland Energy Financing Administration, Revenue Bonds, AES Warrior Run Project, Series 1995, 7.400%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

Water and Sewer □ 6.0% (3.9% of Total Investments)

- 2,570 Baltimore, Maryland, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Wastewater Projects, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 7/01/42 □ FGIC Insured
- 345 Baltimore, Maryland, Wastewater Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 7/01/31 □ AMBAC Insured
- 660 Baltimore, Maryland, Wastewater Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2007D, 5.000%, 7/01/32 □ AMBAC Insured
- 430 Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration, Revolving Loan Fund Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/15

4,005 Total Water and Sewer

\$ 111,020 Total Investments (cost \$112,190,544) □ 154.9%

Floating Rate Obligations □ (1.6)%

Other Assets Less Liabilities □ 3.2%

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value □ (56.5)% (5)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares □ 100%

Fair Value Measurements

During the current fiscal period, the Fund adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS No.157) Fair Value Measurements. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. In determining the value of the Fund's investments various inputs are used. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of February 28, 2009:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments	\$ □	\$104,412,315	\$ □	\$104,412,315

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate transactions subject to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140 (SFAS No. 140), if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At February 28, 2009, the cost of investments was \$111,079,992.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at February 28, 2009, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 3,139,316
Depreciation	(10,912,004)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ (7,772,688)

(1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.

(2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption.

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There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.

- (3) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.

The Portfolio of Investments may reflect the ratings on certain bonds insured by ACA, AGC, AMBAC, CFG, FGIC, FSA, MBIA, RAAI and SYNCORA as of February 28, 2009. Subsequent to February 28, 2009, and during the period this Portfolio of Investments was prepared, there may have been reductions to the ratings of certain bonds resulting from changes to the ratings of the underlying insurers both during the period and after period end. Such reductions would likely reduce the effective rating of many of the bonds insured by that insurer or insurers presented at period end.

- (4) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
- (5) Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 36.5%.

N/R Not rated.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction pursuant to the provisions of SFAS No. 140.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Maryland Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date April 29, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date April 29, 2009

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy
Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date April 29, 2009