

Mayor Labas,

Per your request, below is a summary of the spill.

On Friday, July 5, DEC Spills Response experts responded to a report of a spill of firefighting foam at the Saint-Gobain facility in the town of Granville, Washington County, as a result of an equipment malfunction due to a power outage. Due to rain and on-site conditions, it was determined the foam escaped containment and entered a drainage swale leading off the site, impacting the Indian River.

Under DEC oversight, the facility owner contracted the services of a remediation contractor to contain and began recovery of the foam, including areas impacted by the spill that are being investigated and identified for excavation of contaminated soils in and around the facility.

DEC is working with the State Department of Health to assess any potential impacts to local water supplies.

DEC will continue to monitor the cleanup and any potential environmental impacts until the cleanup is complete.