

Good Afternoon,

The purpose of this email is to provide a community update regarding the July 5, 2024 spill of firefighting foam at the Saint-Gobain Facility in Granville, Washington County.

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Department of Health (DOH) staff have reviewed the remedial efforts undertaken by Saint-Gobain and all the sampling results collected to date. Sampling results reveal residual contamination on the Saint-Gobain property and in the drainage ditch near the site. DEC has outlined next steps with Saint-Gobain including removing the residual spilled material by excavating the impacted soil and conducting additional sampling.

A private well near the path of the spill was sampled by Saint-Gobain and revealed no impacts. DOH staff surveyed properties along the path of the spill to identify private wells that could be vulnerable to contamination based on well construction and distance from the spill. Out of an abundance of caution, another private well nearby that may be vulnerable due to shallow well construction will be sampled. At this time, DOH has no evidence to suggest that property owners on private wells cannot safely drink and use their water. As a reminder, this incident does not affect the public water supply, and public water remains safe for all uses.

DEC and DOH will provide another update after we receive and review the results from these additional actions, which may take several weeks. While the spill continues to be investigated, and out of an abundance of caution, DOH recommends that people avoid fishing, swimming, and recreating in the section of the Indian River north (downstream) of the Route 149 bridge to the confluence with the Mettawee River (approximately 0.25 miles north of the Mettawee Street bridge). This includes the pool immediately downstream of the Mettawee Street bridge. Signs are posted in affected areas to notify the public.

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