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DNR investigating fish kill near Jefferson

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JEFFERSON—DNR is onsite investigating a fish kill in Hardin Creek about two miles east of Jefferson in Greene County at 5 p.m. today.

Local USDA Service Center staff noticed the dead fish while stream sampling in the area.

DNR has little information yet. While the fish differ in size and species, and the affected area is at least three miles long, the source and extent of the fish kill are still under investigation.

Downstream livestock producers may want to consider using another water source for their animals until the pollutant has been identified. Residents should keep children and pets out of the stream for 24 to 48 hours after the pollutant is gone.

DNR will continue to investigate.

DNR asks anyone seeing a fish kill or an obvious pollutant to notify the local [field office](#) or call the 24-hour spill line at 515-725-8694. The earlier DNR is notified, the easier it is to trace the pollutant source.