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Land-applied manure flowed into Taylor County stream

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LENOX – Responding to a complaint about manure application, DNR staff found manure running into a stream about four miles south of Lenox Thursday morning.

Manure was flowing from multiple locations into an unnamed tributary of the East River. Staff collected water samples for analysis, but did not see any dead fish in the stream.

DNR staff learned manure from the Utah North facility was applied by Larabee Applicators Wednesday evening prior to rainfall. Manure reached the stream due to improper injection.

“We know the weather and field conditions have been challenging this fall,” said Kristi Burg of the DNR’s Atlantic field office. “But I’d like to remind people to check the weather forecast before land applying manure to reduce the potential for runoff.”

DNR will consider appropriate enforcement.

As a reminder, manure spills and releases must be reported to the DNR [field offices](#) or called in to the spill line at 515-725-8694 within 6 hours of occurrence or discovery.