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### **Officials say petroleum spill in Madison apparently has not reached Dan River**

**RALEIGH** – State and federal officials said Friday that a petroleum spill associated with a fire in Madison is not reaching the Dan River and that the spill should not affect the river's downstream water users.

The fire, which was reported Thursday afternoon at JDK Automotive in Madison, resulted in the release of an estimated 3,000 gallons of waste oil, antifreeze and other automotive products to a stormwater conveyance that leads to a tributary of Big Beaver Island Creek, officials said. The creek flows to the Dan River.

However, local, state and federal emergency response teams put booms and catchment dams in the stormwater ditch leading to the creek, and recovered 1,700 gallons of the oil and other automotive fluids mixture. As of Friday afternoon, officials said downstream water users should not be affected by the spill as it does not appear that the spilled petroleum reached the Dan River.

Staff from the N.C. Division of Water Resources arrived on the scene Thursday, and are sampling to assess possible water quality impacts along the Big Beaver Island Creek today.

Drinking water systems in Eden in North Carolina, and Halifax, Danville and South Boston in Virginia, were notified of the release. None of the systems have reported impacts. Eden's water treatment plant shifted its water source from the river intake to its off-stream reservoir.

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