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Heating Oil Spill in Ferguson Township, Centre County

Ferguson Township, PA –The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) was contacted on January 14, 2023, to initiate a remedial response and begin an investigation into a report of a sheen on the surface of a small stream and pools of red-dyed oil in Ferguson Township, Centre County.

The oil was found to have come from a residential home which erroneously received a delivery of heating oil. The home no longer used heating oil and the oil was subsequently discharged into the basement where a sump pump then pumped some of the heating oil into an unnamed tributary to Beaver Branch.

Local authorities, as well as Rock Spring Water Company and the State College Borough Water Authority, have been notified. PaDEP is the lead agency in charge of the cleanup effort and investigation.

For inquiries regarding the oil spill, contact the DEP Press Office at <u>RA-EPNEWS@pa.gov</u> or (717) 787-1323.

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