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### ***Cleanup Continues on Bear Creek as Water Sample Results Pending***

**Warren, MI (Feb. 9, 2024)** – The Warren Fire Department, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) continue cleanup efforts following the discovery of a substance in Bear Creek. Pom-poms were placed in the creek to capture sediment and approximately 800 feet of the impacted storm sewer along Mound Road was jet-cleaned and plugged to ensure no additional debris entered the clean sewer. Water sample results will be posted on the [EPA site](#) as soon as they are complete.

EGLE responded to a report on Wednesday of discoloration in Bear Creek (which discharges into the Red Run Drain/Clinton River) in Macomb County. The source of the spill was identified as a plating facility, Fini Finish Custom Plating, 24657 Mound, south of 10 Mile Rd. This business was recently sold and the building was unoccupied. A waterline burst flooding the facility, and this water may have contained chemicals that flowed into the storm drain. Water to the broken pipe has been shut off and there is no ongoing discharge. Air monitoring conducted by the EPA inside the facility on Thursday, Feb. 8, showed no exceedances.

Residents are advised to stay away from the Bear Creek basin area and not let children or pets near the creek as cleanup efforts continue.

“The public health and safety of our residents is of the utmost importance to us,” said Warren Mayor Lori M. Stone. “I want to reiterate that our drinking water is safe and we are taking every measure to resolve this. I also want to thank our city, county, state, and federal agencies for their rapid response to this event.”

The investigation and cleanup of Bear Creek are a combined effort among the Warren Waste Water Treatment, Warren Water Department, Warren Fire Department, Warren Emergency City Manager, Macomb County Public Works Office, EGLE, and the EPA.

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