



Fridley Public Safety

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Subject: Fridley drinking water remains safe after discovered Mississippi River contamination

Just after noon on August 20, the City of Fridley Public Safety Department was notified of a possible contaminant in the Mississippi River. Police and Fire units responded to the area and confirmed a noticeable sheen on the east bank of the River. The originating source remains under investigation.

Corresponding agencies were notified and responded, including: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Metropolitan Council, Anoka County Emergency Management and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office in addition to contacts at both water systems. Contractors and public agencies deployed temporary floating barriers used to contain marine spills and protect water intakes.

All Fridley drinking water is safe to use. Fridley's water is sourced from underground wells and aquifers before being treated by the City's water treatment operations. No Fridley water is sourced from the Mississippi River.

Responding agencies continue to investigate the unknown contamination and its source. Agencies will continue to monitor water quality in the coming days. Check with your local water utility for additional information.

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