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MDEQ TO CONDUCT SURVEY ON LEAF RIVER

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will be installing electronic monitoring equipment on July 27, 2015 to help conduct a water sampling survey on the Leaf River. During the survey, a bright red, non-toxic dye will be released into the water. This dye is not toxic or hazardous. People should not be alarmed if they notice red coloration in the water. The dye is not harmful to people, plants, wildlife, fish or seafood.

Residents are asked not to tamper with the equipment that will be mounted on rebar, fenceposts, PVC poles, or buoys. The survey is scheduled from July 27 to 31, and the equipment will be removed. The dye will dissipate quickly in the water; and the waterbody will return to its normal state and color.

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