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MDEQ Issues Temporary Advisory for the Chickasway River and Two Tributaries

(Jackson, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued a temporary water contact advisory Monday for Eucutta and Nicholson Creeks and a nearby portion of the Chickasway River.

The advisory is issued due to oil that spilled from a well in Wayne County. Approximately three miles of tributaries (Eucutta and Nicholson Creeks) and 12 miles of the Chickasway River have been affected by the spill (see attached map).

Clean-up efforts are on-going and will continue for several days. MDEQ recommends that people avoid water contact recreation such as swimming, wading and/or boating in these waters. In addition, people should avoid eating fish from the affected area until further notice.

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