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Red Dye May Be Visible

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will be installing electronic monitoring equipment this week to assess water quality of the Pearl River in Copiah and Lawrence Counties. During the survey a bright red, non-toxic dye will be injected into the water. This dye is not toxic or hazardous, and 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 any equipment they might encounter, and it 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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