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MDEQ Water Quality Study in Scott County Will Use Red Dye

(Jackson, Miss.) – Beginning Monday August 26 the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will be monitoring the water quality in the Tuscolameta Watershed in Scott County.

One of the tests will use a dye that will temporarily stain the water red like tomato soup. The dye is being dumped in the water at Highway 21 in Sebastopol. This dye is a non-toxic biodegradable chemical, is safe for contact with humans and aquatic life, and is approved for this use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you see this red dye in the water, please avoid contact with it as it may stain clothing and shoes.

The waters with the dye will be Tuscolameta Creek, Big Canal, Little Canal, and Sipsey Creek.

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