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Water test shows No Trace of Oil in Creek from Refinery Explosion

Salt Lake City, Utah – Initial test results for petroleum-based compounds in water sampled from Davis County’s Mill Creek show no detectable amounts of oil after an explosion last week splattered fuel oil over a mile-long swatch from the plant in Woods Cross. However, more testing is occurring to determine the full extent of any oil contamination and any longer term effects on the environment.

“We aren’t seeing anything harmful to human health or aquatic life based on the data we have so far,” said Walt Baker, director of Water Quality (DWQ). “However, we are awaiting the results of a second round of samples taken after rainstorms the Friday after the incident that may give us a better indication of any harmful components that remain in the water,” he added.

There are many potentially harmful elements in petroleum products. For more information, visit:
<http://www.deq.utah.gov/businesses/hollyrefinery/index.htm>.

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