



Kanawha County Commission

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Kanawha County Commission Provides Update on Paint Creek Chemical Spill

Charleston, WV – Today, the Kanawha County Commission received the following information from a FOIA request to the WVDEP regarding testing at Paint Creek.

On January 17, 2023, after a rainfall event, Potesta & Associates observed foam up and downstream of the spill area along with a faint odor. After the rain, DEP ordered the trucking company to complete additional remedial measures.

In response, Potesta & Associates installed a filter sock, the same filter sock described in the remediation plan that they submitted on February 6, 2023.

On February 17, 2023, Potesta & Associates observed foaming that appeared to be associated with the chemical spill on the hillside, bench and ditch near the spill site. Foam was also observed in Paint Creek both upstream and downstream of the site. The water and foam appear to have been flowing over the filter socks.

The Kanawha County Commission is still working with an independent lab to coordinate additional testing for water and solids in the affected areas. An SOP has been developed for the testing of the water and the SOP for the solids is being developed.

The Kanawha County Commission signed a contract with Enviroprobe today to provide consulting services for the highway chemical spill response and remediation. Enviroprobe will be onsite when testing takes place once SOPs are complete.