



Study confirms trout stream devastated by toxic spill

CROSBY, Pa. (AP) - State environmental officials say test results released today confirm that fish and insect life at a once-pristine trout stream have been devastated by a chemical spill.

A Norfolk Southern train derailed on June 30 near Sinnemahoning-Portage Creek, dumping about 48-thousand gallons of sodium hydroxide into the stream.

The state Department of Environmental Protection says the company is helping to remove cargo and debris from the accident site.

The department says almost all fish and insects within about 7 miles of the spill site were killed. Environmental officials have said it could take years for animal life to repopulate the creek.

Before the spill, the creek was rated as having the highest water quality in the state.

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