



Indiana Department of Environmental Management Emergency Response Incident Report

Description

Incident # 113098

Incident Description: Fish Kill
Incident Type: Emergency Response-Other
Occurred Date/Time: 06/24/2024 12:00 am
Regulatory Program: Emergency Response
Sub-Program: Other
Follow-Up Priority: 3-Low
Follow-Up Status: Closed
Incident Priority: 2-Medium
Incident Status: Closed
Closure Method: Emergency Response Complete
Weather Condition: Calm
Lead Investigator: Caldwell, Dwayne
Resolution Desc: Deployment
Media Impacted: Fish Kill
Orgs Contacted: Indiana Department Of Natural Resources

Location

Location Description: 395 W Morse Street
Markle
Huntington County
Region Code: Indianapolis Office
County: Huntington
Latitude DD: 40.826
Longitude DD: -85.3424
Method: Interpolation-Map
System: Lat.\Long - Decimal Degrees
Datum: NAD83
Collected By: IDEM Staff
Waterbody: Wabash River

Source Entity

Source Type: Non-Agency Interest
Source Entity Name: Undetermined



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Reporter

Received By: Caldwell, Dwayne

Received Date/Time: 06/25/2024 1:47:49 pm

Receipt Method: Emergency Response Hotline

Reporter Type: Other Governmental Agency

Name: Andrew Harmon

Title: Conservation Officer

Organization: IDNR

Address 1: 402 W Washington St

Municipality: Indianapolis

State: IN

Actions

Task	Staff Assigned	Start Date	Due Date	Completed Date	Hours Spent
Lead ER Staff	Caldwell, Dwayne			06/24/2024	
Comments: Received a call from Conservation Officer Harmon reporting dead fish in the Wabash River near Markle. There are various sizes and species. OSC will meet with the CO in the morning.					
Complete Emergency Response	Caldwell, Dwayne			06/25/2024	
Perform Initial Field Response	Caldwell, Dwayne			06/25/2024	

Comments: Met CO on site at the WWTP. Area is a shallow channel off the Wabash River. OSC observed a large number of dead fish of various sizes and species in the channel. OSC checked the DO which ranged at this area from 1.67 to 1.22. On the west side of the WWTP water entering the channel from an inlet had a DO of 5.8 mg/l. There were a large number of minnows crowded near the inlet in the higher oxygenated water. Live fish were also observed in other areas. The DO reading near inlet from Wabash River was 1.67 mg/l. I observed no sheens, odors or colors that might indicate a chemical contamination. Judging by my observations and the results of the DO readings it appears the low levels of O2 caused this fish die off.