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UPDATE: IDEM and DNR responding to reported fish kill

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are currently responding to a reported fish kill in the East Branch of the Little Calumet River in Portage, Ind.

IDEM has learned that ArcelorMittal experienced exceedances of the daily maximum limit for total cyanide and ammonia-nitrogen. These exceedances appear to be the cause or a significant contributing factor to the mortality of the fish observed on the East Arm of the Little Calumet River. IDEM has requested that the facility initiate a spill response along with increased monitoring of its outfalls to the Little Calumet River. IDEM and DNR ask residents to continue to avoid this area while cleanup and mitigation efforts are ongoing.

We will continue to provide updates as we receive additional information.

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