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Diesel Fuel Observed Seeping Into a Pond in Breckenridge

An unknown oily substance was recently observed seeping into a dredge pond on a parcel in the northern portion of Breckenridge. The substance has since been identified as diesel fuel. The pond is located in the industrial area West of the intersection of Highway 9 and Fairview Blvd. Hazardous material containment devices have been placed in an effort to contain the fuel. As of today there have been no dead fish, or other animals, observed in the pond. The source of the contamination is being investigated by several agencies including: Town of Breckenridge, Red White & Blue Fire, Sheriff's Office, Colorado Office of Oil and Public Safety, EPA and Summit County Environmental Health. A source has yet to be determined and a quantity is unknown.

Summit County Environmental Health does not believe that any drinking water wells are at risk of being contaminated but encourages persons with wells in this immediate vicinity to call Environmental Health with questions. According to Dan Hendershott, EH Manager, "The investigation is in the early stages but all agencies and businesses involved are taking this release of fuel very seriously. We are committed to finding the source and getting it cleaned up as soon as possible."

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