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Oil Spill in the Anacostia

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An oil spill investigation is under way in the Anacostia River.

Oil seeped into the river near the 11th Street Bridge and quickly spread as far north as New York Avenue Monday night.

The D.C. Department of Environment along with the Environmental Protection agency and the Coast Guard were called at about 6 p.m. and remained on scene most of Monday night trying to contain the spill.

Booms were placed near the 11th Street Bridge and Benning Road to stop the oil from traveling any further north.

Officials are still trying to determine where the oil came from and just how many gallons were spilled.

Field tests showed that the substance is petroleum based. They are now saying that the spill is 3 nautical miles long.

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