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Coast Guard, local agencies respond to reports of spill in Anacostia River

BALTIMORE — The Coast Guard, District of Columbia Fire Department, District Department of the Environment and Maryland Department of the Environment are working together to investigate reports of a spill in the Anacostia River between the 11th Street Bridge and the New York Avenue Bridge Tuesday.

A Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City, N.J., and a Coast Guard investigation team were dispatched to survey the scene Tuesday morning and have not sighted any hazardous material so far.

The District of Columbia Fire Department notified the Coast Guard of a sheen in the Anacostia River Monday evening. The Coast Guard arrived to investigate the report at 10:25 p.m., Monday, but the crew could not make an assessment due to low visibility.

"We were waiting for daylight," said Lt. Cmdr. Randall Brown, the chief of the response department at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore. "Now that we have better search conditions, we have not located any product or sheen. We are working with our partners in the investigation."

Boom placed near the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge did not catch any pollution and has been removed. Vessel traffic in the river has been reopened.

The source and nature of the reported spill has not been identified.

The investigation continues.

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