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Coast Guard: Anacostia River is not covered in oil

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Coast Guard says it did not find oil or chemicals in the Anacostia River after an initial assessment Tuesday.

A boom near the Pennsylvania Bridge did not catch any hazardous materials and has been removed.

Fire crews were on the scene from about 6 p.m. Monday to 2 a.m. Tuesday. Spokesman Pete Piringner said initial tests showed the substance was petroleum-based.

The oily slick extended up from near Kingman Island to Bladensburg Road, Piringner said.

The source of the reported spill has not been identified and its environmental impact is not immediately known.

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A boom is containing the substance. (WTOP Photo/Kristi King)

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