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## DC officials say oily substance found covering part of Anacostia; booms deployed to contain it

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WASHINGTON — Authorities say an oily substance is covering part of the surface of the Anacostia River in the District of Columbia.

Coast Guard spokesman Brandyn Hill said Tuesday morning that the source of the reported slick is currently unknown.

D.C. fire department spokesman Pete Piringer said booms were used Monday night to keep the liquid within an area between Pennsylvania Avenue SE and New York Avenue NE. One early report suggested that it might also have been found near 11th Street SE. Piringer said initial tests showed it was petroleum-based.

It was not immediately clear how much of the substance was on the water. There were no immediate reports of any impact on fish or birds.

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