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Environmental Incident at Ridgecrest Farm

On April 20, 2021, the Cayuga County Health Department received a report from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) that on April 19, 2021, Ridgecrest Farm in the Town of Venice in Cayuga County was found to be discharging discolored water that had collected on the cover of their manure lagoon onto the ground surface and this water made its way into Big Salmon Creek. The farm stopped pumping the water after being notified by Town Highway Department staff that evening. The DEC Environmental Conservation Officer responded to a complaint regarding this discharge. It is not believed that manure was discharged with the dirty water and the quantity of water discharged is not known. The NYSDEC is investigating the incident.