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### **Environmental Incident at Willett Dairy**

On August 19, 2021, the Cayuga County Health Department received a report from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) that on August 18, 2021 a manure spill occurred at Willett Dairy in the Town of Genoa in Cayuga County. A manure transfer line was found to be discharging liquid manure that made its way to a tributary of Big Salmon Creek. NYSDEC estimates that approximately 30,000 to 50,000 gallons of manure may have been released. When the farm became aware of the spill, they took steps to stop, contain and reduce the spill volume. The discharge has ceased.

The NYSDEC is still investigating the incident.

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