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Environmental Incident at Willett Dairy

On December 21, 2021, the Cayuga County Health Department received a report from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) that on December 20-21, 2021, a manure conveyance incident occurred at Willett Dairy in the Town of Genoa in Cayuga County. During manure injection activities that began on December 20, 2021, a tile drain line was discovered to be discharging manure to a roadside ditch which was conveying the liquid manure to an unnamed tributary of Little Salmon Creek. On December 21, 2021, the unnamed tributary did experience minor discoloration and foaming. When the farm became aware of the spill, they took steps to clean up, stop, and contain further manure discharge.

On December 22, 2021, the NYSDEC reported that the discharge had ceased and the unnamed tributary to Little Salmon Creek is in good visual condition.

The NYSDEC is still investigating the incident.
