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Environmental Incident at Twin Birch

On February 9, 2022, the Cayuga County Health Department received a report from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) that on February 8, 2022, a manure conveyance incident occurred at Twin Birch Farm in the Town of Skaneateles at approximately 5:30 pm. A manure transfer lined burst and caused manure to enter a small stream tributary to Dutch Hollow Brook in the Owasco Lake Watershed. The facility acted quickly to cutoff the source of the spill and dam up the small stream to contain the manure contaminated water and pump to their manure storage structure. Some manure did seep through the dam and was observed at the Benson Road crossing south of the farm on February 9, 2022. No manure was observed in the stream at the next road crossing on North Road about 1 mile downstream of the spill site. The facility is continuing to remove residual manure from the stream and DEC continues to monitor progress of the cleanup.
