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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Accidental Pesticide Release at Hoopers Creek

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On Monday October 9th Henderson County Department of Public Health was notified by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), that a pesticide release resulting in an unknown amount of Bravo and Baythroid pesticides occurred near a two-mile section of Hoopers Creek between Souther Road and Jackson Road on or about Tuesday October 3rd. Upon discovery of the spill cleanup was immediately conducted, but some contamination of the surface water did occur. NCDEQ has been evaluating the area regularly to address the concerns and ensure the safety of the surrounding area. NCDEQ has determined that both products released are extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. They can also be absorbed through the skin during extended exposure. Although time and dilution of the chemicals have now reduced the associated risks for humans, we would still urge people in and around this section of Hoopers Creek to limit exposure to the creek and avoid allowing pets and livestock to consume surface water from the creek until additional rainfall occurs.

For more information, please contact NC DWR Regional Office front desk at 828-296-4500.

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