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Sherwin-Williams Fire and Cleanup

The City of Garland, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are working with Sherwin-Williams to sample approximately 45 water miles of surrounding waterways following the August 7 fire at the Sherwin-Williams Shiloh Road Plant.

Preliminary surface water sampling conducted prior to August 11 at six sample locations in waterways downstream and upstream from the site found lead and n-butanol in exceedance of community health screening levels. Additionally, 1,4-Dioxane was detected in one sampling location. Lead detections in impacted waterways likely originated from legacy sources not related to the site. Sanitation systems and city drinking water have not been affected and are being continuously monitored.

Though there was a release of concentrated aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) into waterways, there were no health exceedances of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds. For more information about these contaminants, contaminant health effects, a map of the water sampling events and frequently asked questions, please visit [the EPA's incident website](#).

As a precaution, the EPA has determined residents should not fish or engage in recreational activity in Duck Creek or the East Fork Trinity River until further notice. Surrounding counties and towns are also asking residents to restrict recreational activities in the Trinity River south-east of the site.

As of Sunday evening, more than one million gallons of water have been collected, filling approximately 50 tanks. The water is being moved to state and federally-approved facilities for disposal.

Representatives have continued contacting the homeowners adjacent to impacted waterways to request access for surface water sampling. If you have questions regarding potential impacts, please contact garlandresponse@sherwin.com.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.