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**City of Abilene addresses Button Willow Creek water concerns**

ABILENE, Texas – The City of Abilene is closely monitoring the situation surrounding green-tinted water appearing in the south side of town near Button Willow Creek. The water in question is not part of the City of Abilene's water system, and the City does not see a drinking water quality issue at this time.

The pipeline from which the water was coming is a 26" petroleum transmission line, operated by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners. The City of Abilene does not regulate this or other petroleum pipelines. This is the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission (RCC).

Over the weekend, Energy Transfer Partners was performing a routine hydrostatic test to monitor line integrity using a non-toxic dye, and pressurized the line to a high level of pressure. The test worked, and a line failure was identified. There is petroleum on the creek banks, and this will be cleaned by Energy Transfer Partners to RRC rules and specifications. The petroleum was residual in the pipeline.

"The City of Abilene has no regulatory authority and other than being concerned about it and monitoring water quality, there isn't much we can do. I am pleased with the operator's response so far, and I am pleased with the response of our state agencies," said City Manager Robert Hanna.

Representatives with Energy Transfer Partners met with the City of Abilene and explained crews will be on site to repair the line, which is expected to take a week. Energy Transfer Partners will also be monitoring soil, water, and air conditions in the Button Willow Creek area.

Energy Transfer Partners says the non-toxic green dye used for the routine testing will have no affect if consumed by aquatic life, wildlife, or any neighborhood animals.

The repair work being done by Energy Transfer Partners is at no cost to the City of Abilene.

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