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For Immediate Release

Riceboro, GA. At approximately 10 PM Monday, May 13, 2019, routine sampling of water discharged by SNF Chemtall to Riceboro Creek detected the presence of methyl chloride. Methyl chloride, a flammable gas similar to propane, is a byproduct of a chemical process. Normally the methyl chloride is burned in our incinerator followed by processing through a scrubber. The incinerator discharges clear water which is then released to Riceboro Creek pursuant to SNF's discharge permit from Georgia DNR. Regular sampling of discharge water is required under the permit.

An immediate examination of the surrounding area indicated entry of discharge water containing methyl chloride into Riceboro Creek.

Federal, State, and Local authorities were immediately notified, and remediation efforts began immediately.

We are conducting tests of water samples taken both upstream and downstream from the discharge outfall to monitor the situation. SNF is cooperating fully with the authorities. The incinerator has been shut down.

Out of an abundance of caution, no fishing signs were posted at all nearby docks. Liberty County Health Department also has issued no swimming or wading orders.

We apologize to our neighbors for any inconvenience this may have caused them.

SNF will provide additional information as it becomes available.
