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Popcorn to be used in HAZMAT training on Tickfaw River

BATON ROUGE - On April 19 popcorn will be released into the Tickfaw River for Hazmat training purposes. The popcorn is being used to represent a hazardous materials release. Citizens who notice the popcorn in the water should not be alarmed.

Emergency response personnel with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will participate in the training exercise and collect the popcorn using containment booms, which are floating devices used to contain a pollutant on a body of water.

The training will take place at the Louisiana State Police Emergency Response training facility in Holden. It is anticipated that any remaining popcorn will be consumed by fish or settle to the bottom of the water body.

For more information about the training exercise please contact Karen Price with DEQ at (225) 219-3620.

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