

## **EPA calls on two petroleum companies to stop dumping**

April 17 -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has called on two petroleum companies to stop dumping oilfield brine into local waterways.

The agency issued a cease and desist administrative order to Petco Petroleum Corp. and Skull Creek Oil and Gas Co. for violations of the federal Clean Water Act. An inspection of Petco Petroleum's Creek County, Okla., site found it was discharging oilfield brine into a tributary of the Cimarron River.

In a similar case, the EPA found an unauthorized oilfield brine discharge from Skull Creek Oil and Gas's Osage County, Okla., location to Hulah Lake. In both cases, water at the discharge points was contaminated, according to the EPA. Both companies have 30 days from the date of the administrative order to cease the discharges.

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