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FYI- I thought this would be of interest to you.

John Gustafson

From WSJ story-January 11

"The spilled substance, known as MCHM, escaped from a 35,000-gallon storage tank belonging to specialty chemical-manufacturer Freedom Industries Inc., which was ordered to cease operations Friday. The leaked chemical breached a containment wall before flowing into the river, about a mile and a half upstream from the water-treatment facility.

Such major contaminations are relatively rare, experts said. Federal agencies have grown increasingly concerned about chemical storage since 15 people died last year from an explosion in West, Texas at a facility that housed fertilizer chemicals. The Obama administration has since convened a task force to examine ways to improve safety."