



# No-swim advisory in place after South Yuba River turns yellow

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**NEVADA COUNTY, Calif.** — The South Yuba River is yellow -- yes, yellow -- in Nevada County, prompting officials to issue a no-swim advisory Friday for the waterway.

The discoloration and high opacity are apparent in the river from below the town of Washington to Englebright Lake, Nevada County officials said.

The river “appears to have high level of sediments of unknown origin suspended in the water creating potentially unsafe river conditions for all people and animals,” county officials said in a statement.

Health officials said in a statement Saturday that "preliminary test results show dangerous levels of E.coli."

The cause is under investigation. The source appears to be above the Highway 49 bridge.

Due to the possibility of unsafe swimming and recreation conditions, officials issued the no-swimming advisory.

Nevada County Environmental Health officials took water samples from several locations in the river for testing.

In addition to E. coli, officials are also testing for toxic metals such as arsenic, lead and mercury.

