

Vernon County fish kill

LAST WE KNEW: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reported a major fish kill at Jersey Valley Lake in Vernon County three weeks ago.

THE LATEST: Dave Vetrano, fisheries supervisor with the DNR in La Crosse, said crews went out again Tuesday and found more dead fish. Meanwhile some local farmers have disputed Vetrano's assertion the fish kill was caused by manure runoff. Vetrano said water samples showed E. coli bacteria was three times higher than would be required to close a beach. He called E. coli "a smoking gun for manure."

WHAT'S NEXT: Vetrano said he's waiting for tests on water samples taken Wednesday.