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2nd 12 Mile River Dam Being Demolished

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The controversial demolition to a second Upstate dam along the 12 Mile River is underway.

While these efforts look to clean the river up and make it attractive for paddlers, there are those that say it's being done the wrong way.

A DHEC spokesman says they are monitoring the job and they have measures, like booms in place to minimize the dirt in the water.

He says at this time they do not see a public health problem.

Those at local environmental group Upstate Forever feel the cancer causing PCB's in the sediment will get washed down stream and cause a widespread problem.

"This stuff [sediment] should have been removed first. They're like skipping a step just to get to the end," says Chris Starker of Upstate Forever.

The first dam was removed back in February.

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