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I recently moved from SEPA to SWPA and I have been doing some exploring on the streams out here. Today I filled up the gas tank and ventured out to the Titusville area. On a hunch I stopped at West Hickory Creek to check it out. When I arrived it was raining heavy and the stream was up, but still fishable. The first thing that I noticed about this stream was an oil slick running down it. While I was fishing it I could smell a petroluem odor and now my waders stink like diesel. I see on my Delorme map that there are oil fields all over the area. Does anyone know if this is a normal ocurrence from oil field runoff or is this stuff seeping from the ground? Any info would be great .

PS I didn't find any fish in my 20 minutes there.