

Nevada marina deemed safe despite 100K fish kill

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Though testing is incomplete, state officials say they're convinced a Nevada marina where an estimated 100,000 trout, bass and catfish died poses no danger to humans or animals.

Environmental and [wildlife officials](#) say there's been no sign of any contamination like the pollutants that leaked into the pit in the 1980s from a nearby petroleum tank farm.

Scientists say the massive fish kill at the Sparks Marina was caused by a dramatic drop in the water's [oxygen content](#), which they say is not all that uncommon.

They believe it was triggered by a weeklong cold spurt in December when lows hovered near zero at the former gravel pit converted into a marina 15 years ago along Interstate 80 just east of Reno.

But some citizens are questioning officials' assurances the marina is safe.

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