

# Toxins Found in the Ocean in Long Branch, NJ



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## Causes:

- ☀ Tar balls from Vane Brothers Co have been washing up on the beach
- ☀ High levels of copper found
- ☀ High levels of PFA/PFOs found

## Effects:

- ☀ Sea life like turtles can mistake tar balls for food and die from toxic compounds after consuming them
- ☀ High levels of copper is dangerous for sea life
- ☀ High levels of PFA/PFOs may cause birth defects or reproductive issues

## What is the Solution?

- ☀ The tar balls need to be cleaned up as best as possible
- ☀ Continuous ocean monitoring stations
- ☀ Legislation on preventing oil spills, and littering that leads to toxins getting into the oceans

