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DNR: Man dies after going overboard on Mississippi River



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GUTTENBERG, Iowa — The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is investigating a drowning that happened Saturday afternoon.

At about 1:30 p.m., the DNR said two men were fishing in a restricted area near the low-head dam of Lock and Dam #10. The boat was taken into a turbulent area and began sinking.

Shaun Oppenheimer, 54, went overboard and drowned, according to the DNR. Authorities recovered his body and took him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Oppenheimer and the driver of the boat were not wearing personal flotation devices.

Authorities are continuing to investigate.

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