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Oil and Produced Water Spill in Billings County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) was notified of a 2-barrel oil spill in Billings County on Tuesday, July 19 (that had occurred Monday, July 18). Further investigation of the release site by the NDDoH determined the spill was larger than first reported.

Since then, the company has recovered 504 barrels of oil and 120 barrels of produced water from holes drilled into the subsurface of the site. It is unknown whether there is groundwater impact at this time as the investigation is ongoing.

The spill resulted from equipment failure at a site operated by Denbury Onshore, LLC, located 15 miles northwest of Belfield.

Personnel from the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division and the NDDoH have inspected the site. NDDoH personnel will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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