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Belle Fourche Pipeline Spill Information Updated

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) received an update on an oil spill resulting from a pipeline leak in Billings County. The pipeline is a buried 6-inch gathering line operated by Belle Fourche Pipeline. The spill discovered Monday, Dec. 5, is located approximately 16 miles northwest of Belfield.

Belle Fourche Pipeline has increased its initial estimate of 4,200 barrels of oil to 12,615 barrels. Of that amount, 4,030 barrels of oil have been recovered through skimming operations. Onsite burning has removed an undetermined volume of oil from Ash Coulee Creek.

Personnel from the NDDoH have been at the site since Dec. 5. Personnel from the NDDoH and the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division will continue to monitor the investigation and cleanup.

Winter weather conditions have slowed cleanup efforts by the company. Personnel from NDDoH and the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division continue to monitor ongoing remediation efforts. Investigations continue from both agencies into the cause of the incident.

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