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Natural Gas Liquids Spill in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of a natural gas liquids (NGL) spill in McKenzie County resulting from a third-party impact on a pipeline owned by ONEOK NGL Pipeline, LLC. The spill occurred on Thursday July 27, approximately 9 miles southeast of Watford City and was reported the same day. NGL is a mixture of ethane, propane, butane, pentane and hexane. This liquid under pressure rapidly converts to a gas when the pressure is released.

The pipeline was damaged when a contractor for McKenzie County Rural Water bored under the NGL line. ONEOK has isolated the section of line and is venting the NGL. The isolated section of line contains approximately 3000 barrels of NGL. The line section will be purged with nitrogen, making it safe to investigate the damage and clean up impacted soil. Personnel from the NDDoH are on site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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