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Produced Water Spill Reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of a produced water spill resulting from a pipeline leak about 15 miles southeast of Watford City in McKenzie County. Produced water is a by-product of oil and gas development.

The spill occurred on May 29 when the pipeline was struck during installation of a waterline and was reported the next day. The pipeline is part of a gathering system for a salt water disposal facility owned by Hanna SWD, LLC.

Initial estimates indicate approximately 200 barrels of produced water were released and impacted rangeland. Personnel from the NDDoH and North Dakota Industrial Commission - Oil and Gas Division have inspected the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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