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Produced Water Spill in Mercer County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of a produced water spill in Mercer County resulting from a tank valve failure. The tank was being used in a carbon storage study by the University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC). Produced water is a by-product of oil and gas development.

The spill was discovered on Saturday, January 13, approximately 2.5 miles north of Golden Valley and was reported on January 14. Initial estimates indicate approximately 150 barrels of produced water were released, with less than five barrels leaving the pad. Personnel from the NDDoH are on site and will continue to monitor the cleanup activities.

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