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Oil Emulsion Spill in Billings County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of an oil emulsion spill resulting from a pipeline leak in Billings County at a site operated by Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC. The spill occurred approximately 6 miles west of Fryburg on April 4, 2018, and it was reported the same day. Oil emulsion is a mix of crude oil and produced water.

Hess estimates approximately 50 barrels of emulsion were released, impacting pastureland and a tributary of Sully Creek. The company has constructed soil berms and placed oil-absorbent booms along the flow pathway to prevent any further migration of the emulsion, and the company will be removing impacted ice from the tributary. Personnel from the NDDoH are on site and continuing to monitor the release.

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