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Crude Oil Spill in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of a crude oil spill in McKenzie County. The spill was the result of equipment failure in the treater unit on a well pad. The well is owned by Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP. The spill was discovered on Sunday, March 11, approximately 16 miles southeast of Watford City, and was reported the same day.

Initial estimates indicate approximately 160 barrels of crude oil were released from the treater unit. Of this amount, an estimated 24 barrels impacted agricultural land. Personnel from the NDDoH are inspecting the site and will continue to monitor the investigation.

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