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Oil Sheen Reported on Yellowstone River in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of an oil sheen detected on floodwaters of the Yellowstone River in McKenzie County. The incident was reported on March 25 by Whiting Petroleum.

Initial investigation indicates that the sheen originated on a Whiting well pad affected by floodwaters. The sheen appears to be from residual oil associated with a spill that occurred on the well pad and had not yet been fully remediated. There is no indication of an ongoing release.

Whiting is taking precautionary measures and deploying booms around the tank battery. Personnel from the North Dakota Industrial Commission and NDDoH have inspected the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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