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Updated volume reported for produced water spill in Dunn County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has received an updated estimate of a produced water spill caused by a pipeline leak in Dunn County. The pipeline is part of a gathering system operated by Marathon Oil.

The incident occurred about 1.5 miles northeast of Manning on Oct. 1, and it was reported the same day. The pipeline release impacted a small creek and stock pond within pastureland. The creek discharges into the Knife River about a mile downstream of the stock pond. No impacts have been detected in the Knife River.

The initial estimate of approximately 500 barrels of produced water was based on observation of surface impacts at the time of the release. The updated volume of 32,826 barrels is the result of the ongoing investigation that included an analysis of meter readings.

Personnel from the NDDEQ continue to regularly inspect the site and monitor the investigation and remediation.

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