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Emulsion spill reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Yesterday, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) was notified of an emulsion spill on a well pad in McKenzie County, about three miles west of Watford City. The well pad is operated by Newfield Production Company. Emulsion is a mix of crude oil, produced water and natural gas as it comes out of the well.

The spill occurred in the flowline connecting the wellhead to the treater unit. The cause of the spill is still under investigation.

Newfield Production Company estimates 413 barrels of emulsion were released on the well pad. An undetermined quantity of emulsion was windblown off the well pad, impacting pastureland.

Personnel from the NDDEQ are inspecting the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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