Produced water spill reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) was notified Tuesday, Dec. 2, of a produced water release from a buried pipeline in McKenzie County. The pipeline is operated by BNN North Dakota, LLC.

The incident occurred about a mile southwest of Arnegard. The estimated release volume is 4,300 barrels of produced water and one barrel of crude oil, impacting agricultural land.

Produced water is a by-product of oil production. It is typically carried from an oil well by pipeline or truck to a disposal site, where it is injected back into the ground for permanent storage.

Personnel from the NDDEQ have inspected the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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