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## **Produced Water Spill Reported in McKenzie County**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has been notified of a produced water spill at a saltwater disposal facility in McKenzie County operated by White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC.

The incident occurred about 12 miles northwest of Grassy Butte on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and it was reported the same day. The cause of the spill was pump failure that led to a tank overflow.

White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC estimates that approximately 200 barrels of produced water were released. Of this amount, approximately one barrel migrated offsite, impacting an unnamed frozen creek. Produced water is a by-product of oil production. It's 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 are inspecting the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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