Produced Water Spill Reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) was notified Friday, Feb. 26, of a produced water spill in McKenzie County at an injection well operated by Samson Oil and Gas USA, Inc.

The incident occurred about 6 miles southwest of Alexander on Thursday, Feb. 25. The cause of the spill was a cracked frozen pre-filter pot.

Samson Oil and Gas USA, Inc. estimates approximately 1,000 barrels of produced water were released. The produced water escaped through the berm impacting rangeland. Produced water is a by-product of oil production. An injection well is used for enhanced oil recovery.

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

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