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Brine spill reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) was recently notified of a brine release due to a pipeline break occurring approximately 6.5 miles south of Watford City. The pipeline is operated by Tallgrass Energy. The company first discovered the spill on Monday, July 19.

Most recent estimates indicate 850 barrels of brine were released on private property. Brine or 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 are investigating the extent of the impact and will continue to monitor the remediation.

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