Produced water spill reported in Dunn County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Marathon Oil Company recently notified state agencies of a produced water spill from a pipeline they operate in Dunn County. Produced water is a by-product of oil and gas development.

The leak was first detected about 5 miles northeast of Killdeer on March 11. Initial estimates from the operator indicate approximately 448 barrels (18,816 gallons) of produced water discharged, impacting agricultural land.

The cause of the spill is under investigation. Personnel from Environmental Quality are inspecting the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

Federal and state laws require that operators report the spillage of any materials that may pollute water, air or soil. Visit spill.nd.gov for more information about North Dakota’s Unified Spill Reporting System notifications and the public access tool.

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