Crude oil spill reported in Mountrail County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Whiting Oil and Gas Company recently notified state agencies of a crude oil release in Mountrail County. The spill occurred about 9 miles south of Stanley.

Whiting has initiated the cleanup. The exact origin of the release has yet to be determined and is still under investigation. Initial estimates from the operator indicate approximately 22 barrels (924 gallons) of crude oil discharged, impacting a wetland area.

Personnel from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality and various other agencies 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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