

## Produced water spill reported in Williams County

BISMARCK, N.D. – On August 15, the Hess Corporation notified state agencies of a produced water spill in Williams County resulting from a pipeline leak. They now believe the leak began on July 21. The spill occurred approximately 8 miles northwest of Ray.

Hess initially estimated approximately 200 barrels (8,400 gallons) of produced water released from a 6-inch flexible, steel-reinforced composite pipeline. Following additional investigation, Hess increased that estimate today to 34,000 barrels (1.4 million gallons).

The spill impacted surrounding farmland. No surface water impacts have been observed, but there is evidence of localized groundwater contamination.

Personnel from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality are investigating the incident and will continue to monitor the cleanup. The North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Division is also investigating this incident.

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

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