

Source Water Spill in Bowman County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Denbury Onshore, LLC notified state agencies on Monday, Aug. 21, of a source water release from a pipeline they operate in Bowman County, located approximately seven miles southwest of Marmarth.

Initial estimates from Denbury indicate 1,800 barrels (75,600 gallons) of source water released, some of which impacted rangeland. Source water is higher in dissolved solids and minerals than fresh water but much lower in chlorides than produced water. Source water is used for enhanced oil recovery. The cause of the spill is under investigation.

Personnel from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality are en route to the location 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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