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## **Produced water release re-evaluated in Burke County**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Last month, Cornerstone Natural Resources LLC notified state agencies of a produced water release from a damaged pipeline located approximately seven miles southwest of Bowbells.

Cornerstone initially estimated that the incident resulted in a spill volume of less than a barrel (about 30 gallons). On Tuesday, Jan. 23, Cornerstone updated that release volume to 800 barrels (33,600 gallons) of produced water, some of which impacted agricultural lands. Produced water, also known as brine or saltwater, is a by-product of oil production.

Personnel from Environmental Quality have inspected the site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

Federal and state laws require operators to report the spillage of 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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