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Produced water spill reported in Burke County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Formentera Operations, LLC has notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality of a produced water spill from a disposal facility in Burke County. The incident occurred about 7 miles southeast of Portal on Saturday, March 2.

Produced water is a by-product of oil and gas development. Formentera estimates approximately 300 barrels (12,600 gallons) of produced water were released, with an unknown volume impacting agricultural land.

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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