

## **Williams County truck accident results in produced flow-back water spill**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Patriot Oilfield Services notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality of a produced flow-back water spill resulting from a truck accident in Williams County on Saturday, July 6. The incident occurred approximately 6 miles southwest of Tioga on the same day.

According to initial estimates from Patriot, the spill released about 150 barrels (6,300 gallons) of hydraulic fracturing flow-back water, impacting wetlands. Hydraulic fracturing flow-back water is fluid that returns to the surface through the wellbore after hydraulic fracturing operations are completed.

Personnel from Environmental Quality have been on-site working with the responsible party on cleanup, and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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

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