

## Produced water spill reported in Billings County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Scout Energy Management, LLC has notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) of a produced water spill from a pipeline leak in Billings County. The incident occurred Thursday, Dec. 12, about 15 miles northwest of Belfield and impacted rangeland.

Scout estimates approximately 260 barrels (10,920 gallons) of produced water were released from the pipeline. Produced water is a byproduct of oil and gas development.

NDDEQ personnel will inspect the site and 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](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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