

## Freshwater spill reported in Burke County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Rhinokore Composite Solutions notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) of a freshwater spill resulting from a storage tank leak in Burke County. The incident occurred on Dec. 11, about 5 miles southwest of Columbus, and impacted agricultural land.

Rhinokore estimates approximately 3,000 barrels (126,000 gallons) of water were released when a water storage tank liner failed. Fresh water used in hydraulic fracturing is typically sourced from permitted locations, such as nearby wetlands or municipal water supplies.

Personnel from the NDDEQ are working with the responsible party 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](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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