

Freshwater spill reported in Williams County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Hess Corporation recently notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) that approximately 40,986 barrels of fresh water released from a tank on a well pad on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The incident occurred in Williams County, about three miles southeast of Ray.

A tank liner tear caused the release, which flowed off location, potentially impacting a wetland area. Fresh water used in hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is typically sourced from permitted locations, such as nearby wetlands or municipal water supplies.

Personnel from the NDDEQ are working with the responsible party on cleanup 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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