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Crude oil and produced water spill reported in Bowman County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Continental Resources, Inc has notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) of a crude oil and produced water spill resulting from a pipeline leak in Bowman County. The incident occurred on January 13th approximately 12 miles south of Marmarth and impacted a rangeland drainage and stock pond.

Continental Resources, Inc estimates approximately 53 barrels (2,226 gallons) of produced water and 2 barrels (84 gallons) of crude oil were released from the pipeline. Produced water is a by-product of oil and gas development.

Personnel from the NDDEQ have inspected 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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