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Produced water spill reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Tallgrass Energy has notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) of a produced water spill resulting from a pipeline leak in McKenzie County. The incident occurred on Sept. 11, 2026, approximately 13 miles west of Watford City.

Tallgrass Energy estimates approximately 875 barrels (36,750 gallons) of produced water were released, impacting cropland. Produced water is a byproduct of oil and gas production. DEQ personnel 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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