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Produced water spill reported in Mountrail County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Slawson Exploration Company, Inc., notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) of a produced water spill from a valve failure in Mountrail County. The incident occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 6, about seven miles north of Stanley.

Slawson Exploration Company estimates that approximately 194 barrels (8,148 gallons) of produced water were released. Of that amount, 120 barrels (5,040 gallons) remained onsite, while 74 barrels (3,108 gallons) discharged off the property impacting adjacent rangeland. Produced water is a byproduct of oil and gas production.

NDDEQ personnel are working with the responsible party and will continue to monitor the investigation and cleanup.

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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