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Produced water spill reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – Tallgrass Water North Dakota, LLC., notified the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) of a produced water spill from a pipeline in McKenzie County. The incident occurred Wednesday, Oct. 14, about 10 miles southwest of Watford City.

Tallgrass Water North Dakota, LLC., estimates that approximately 3,402 barrels (142,884 gallons) of produced water were released. Of that amount, an unknown volume has impacted a tributary of Cherry Creek. 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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