

Testimony
House Bill 1059
House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

Good morning Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Karl Rockeman, and I am the director of the Division of Water Quality within the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality. The Division of Water Quality protects and monitors our water resources to ensure the quality of surface and groundwater for the public's use. I am here to testify in support of HB 1059 and offer an amendment for consideration.

We support the addition of the requirement to contact 911 in the event of a release. Releases of flammable, toxic or corrosive gases and liquids can present an immediate threat to life and health that requires an emergency response. Such releases may also require a state level response, and we'd ask the committee to consider adding notification to the state unified spill reporting system.

On Page 1, Line 17, before the period add "and within 24 hours notify the state unified spill reporting system"

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.