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Water and Bentonite Clay Spill Reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified that there is an active cleanup of a 990 barrel water and bentonite spill in McKenzie County approximately 11 miles north of Keene.

The release is a mixture of fresh water and bentonite mud. Bentonite is naturally occurring clay formed from volcanic ash. It is used for the installation of a pipeline owned by Hess Corporation. Boots Smith Oilfield Services is the Responsible Party.

The spill occurred as a result of a frozen hose. The NDDoH is responding and will continue to work with the company on remediation plans. No water resources have been impacted.

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