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Produced Water Spill in Burke County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of a produced water spill resulting from a saltwater tank rupture in Burke County at a site operated by Condor Petroleum, Inc. Produced water is a byproduct of oil and gas extraction. The spill occurred on Friday, Nov. 18, approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Lignite and was reported on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Initial estimates indicate approximately 190 barrels of produced water were released, and 10 barrels were recovered. Of this, an undetermined amount of produced water was sprayed onto cropland. No surface water has been impacted, but the site is still under investigation.

Personnel from the NDDoH and North Dakota Oil and Gas Division are on site and will continue to monitor the investigation and remediation.

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