Source Water Spill Reported in Bowman County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified that a 2,000-barrel source water spill occurred approximately 12 miles southwest of Rhame in Bowman County. Source water is used for enhanced oil recovery and is higher in dissolved solids and minerals than fresh water, but does not carry the same environmental implications as produced water. The well is owned by Denbury Onshore.

The spill occurred Thursday, Dec. 1, and was a result of equipment failure. Released fluids entered Skull Creek, a tributary of the Little Missouri River.

The NDDoH is responding to the situation and will work with the company on remediation plans.

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