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North Dakota Surpasses Half a Million Barrels of Oil per Day

BISMARCK- North Dakota has reached a milestone in oil production. Preliminary November data released today, indicates that North Dakota is now producing more than half a million barrels of oil per day, at approximately 510,000 barrels. That's an increase of about 22,000 barrels from October and an increase of more than 150,000 barrels a day from one year ago.

“Oil production in the state has increased anywhere from 8,000 to 40,000 barrels a day, every month since June,” says Oil and Gas Division Director Lynn Helms.

Recent data from California, the number three oil-producing state in the country, is producing about 570,000 barrels a day.

Production numbers for November show North Dakota producing nearly 15.3 million barrels for the month, as well as having 6,300 producing wells.

“This is big news for the state and the country. A half a million barrels a day represents about 10 percent of U.S. production. That's enough oil to displace imports from Iraq or Columbia,” Helms said.

Data for December will not be released until February.

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