



# Oil and Gas Division

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### Improperly Disposed Filter Socks Found in Williston

BISMARCK- The Department of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas Division is working with the North Dakota Department of Health and the City of Williston to oversee the proper clean-up and disposal of new and used filter socks found recently within the city of Williston.

On March 9, 2015 the Oil and Gas Division received a call about possible filter socks left at a location within the city limits of Williston. Once discovered, staff from the Oil and Gas Division contacted Williston city officials and representatives from the North Dakota Department of Health to assist in locating a responsible party and beginning proper clean-up and disposal operations.

Green Diamond Environmental Trucking Services, LLC has contracted with Absorbent & Safety Solutions, LLC, a licensed radioactive materials transporter, to remove roughly 100 new and used filter socks in North Williston. The clean-up is expected to begin Friday. Green Diamond Trucking is renting the location where the filter socks were found and has agreed to cover the costs of clean-up unless other responsible parties are identified.

Field tests indicate the level of radioactivity of the socks is slightly above the background radioactivity level at the site, however, the used filter socks do not pose a threat to the public unless they are improperly handled or material from the socks is ingested. As a reminder, the public is advised to contact the Oil and Gas Division, the North Dakota Department of Health or local law enforcement should they discover new or used filter socks in any improper location.

This is the first reported incident of improper disposal of used filter socks since the Oil and Gas Division began requiring covered, leak-proof, labeled containers at well sites beginning June 1, 2014.

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