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## Incident Reported in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division was notified of produced water release occurring Thursday, February 8 at the SMOKEY 16-21 SWD well location, Watford City, McKenzie County, North Dakota.

McKenzie Energy Partners reported Friday, February 9 that 400 bbl of brine were released due to facility valve/piping connection leak. Product was contained on-site and cleanup is underway. At the time of reporting 398 bbl of brine had been recovered.

A state inspector has been to the location and will monitor any additional cleanup required.

Federal and state laws require federal and/or state agencies be notified in the event of accidental spillage of any materials that may pollute water, air or soil.

More information about notifications and the public access tool can be found on North Dakota's Unified Spill Reporting System page at [spill.nd.gov](http://spill.nd.gov)

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