

Explanation: there are thousands of such spills.

North Dakota legislators have excused from data collection spills under 10 barrels in a 24 hour period.

Neither the ND Health Dept nor the Department of Mineral Resources display determination to calculate quantity of spills although such a calculation is feasible. NDDEQ Bill Sues has said "We don't need to know."
Wrong.

ND legislators need to pass laws to fund private not ethically conflicted contractors to do spill investigations to calculate , reports and opine on recovery of spilled quantities.

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Saltwater spill reported in McKenzie County

A saltwater leak occurred Tuesday at a pipeline valve site in McKenzie County, according to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

The department said 1,000 barrels, which is equal to 42,000 gallons, of the fluid leaked from the pipeline operated by *Enable Midstream Partners*.

The leak occurred about 10 miles west of Mandaree, spilling into the land around the valve, said Karl Rockeman, director of the department's division of water quality.

Saltwater, also known as brine or produced water, is a by-product of oil production. It's typically carried from an oil well by pipeline or truck to a disposal site, where it's injected back underground for permanent storage. The fluid can render farmland infertile when it spills.

Environmental Quality said its personnel have visited the McKenzie County spill site and will continue to monitor cleanup.

-Compiled from staff reports and press releases