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Company Deploying Helicopters for Oil Field Emergencies

WPX Energy is implementing a new emergency response plan in the oil patch which will allow transport of injured workers to trauma centers within one hour. The company has five drilling rigs in the Mandaree area, where access to an ambulance can take well over one hour. The company hopes that by using helicopters, staging response teams and supplying additional training to oil workers in the event of an accident, emergency response times and treatments will be improved. [Read more in Prairie Business.](#)

Daily Oil Production Near Million Barrel Mark

North Dakota's March oil production reached 977,051 barrels per day—a new all-time high. The Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) says that the March preliminary production numbers represent a 2.6 percent production increase from the previous month. DMR officials expect North Dakota oil production to surpass the million barrel per day mark when April production figures become available. Sixty-six percent of North Dakota crude production was transported by rail in March. In total, approximately 700,000 barrels of oil were transported out of the state daily. [Read more in The Forum.](#)

Natural Gas Stripping Technology on the Rise

Montana-based GTUIT is leasing natural gas stripping units to oil companies to help capture natural gas liquids and reduce the amount of flaring in the oil patch. The company has leased seven units in North Dakota, with 21 additional units under contract. Other companies selling the gas stripping units include Bakken Frontier, Recapture Solutions, Torrent Energy Solutions and GOCH4. State regulators are working to determine how to track these new technologies and to ensure that royalty payments from stripped liquids reach mineral owners. [Read more in the Bakken Breakout.](#)

Lessons to be Learned from Tioga Spill

Steve and Patricia Jensen are urging the pipeline industry and state regulators to learn as much as they can from the pipeline spill on their property last year. Tesoro is undertaking a two-year remediation plan, under the direction of state and federal officials. Investigators believe the pipeline leak may have been caused by a lightning strike or other electrical malfunction or occurrence. [Read more in the Tioga Tribune.](#)



ENERGY EVENTS

May 21	Future of the Bio-Industry Summit	Fargo, ND
May 22—24	Williston Basin Petroleum Conference	Bismarck, ND
June 9—12	International Fuel Ethanol Workshop & Expo	Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 14	Great Plains & EmPower ND Energy Conference	Bismarck, ND