When you drill, you spill.

FIVE YEARS OF OIL AND GAS ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

461

Since 2015, Montana has had 461 different spills from oil and gas drilling. That equals an average of 1-2 spills every week.

Wastewater

Nearly 6 million gallons of wastewater were spilled.

Oil Spills

Incidents also spilled 298,000 gallons of oil.

At least 29 spills happened on federal public lands, releasing a total of 6,140 gallons of oil and 173,334 gallons of wastewater.

Thousands of chemicals have been found in oil and gas wastewater, and 86% of these chemicals have not been studied for toxicity.

On-site fires caused 49 oil and wastewater spills. An additional 40 fires without spills were reported since 2015.

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Sources: All spill data was taken from Montana Board of Oil and Gas Incident Reports from 2015–2019. Data on chemical toxicity from Danforth et al., “An integrative method for identification and prioritization of constituents of concern in produced water from onshore oil and gas extraction,” ScienceDirect, January 2020.