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Firm: Faulty weld, pressure on pipe, led to KS oil spill

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The operator of an oil pipeline says a faulty weld at a bend in the pipeline contributed to a spill that dumped nearly 13,000 barrels of crude oil into a northern Kansas creek.

Canadian-based TC Energy also estimated Thursday that the cost of cleaning up the spill will be \$480 million.

The spill occurred Dec. 7 on the company's Keystone system in rural pastureland in Washington County.

The company says the weld was for a fitting that connected two sections of pipe, and the fitting and weld came from a manufacturing plant. TC Energy said it's analyzing other parts of the pipeline that could have similar issues.

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