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Overpass Damage/Closure

Where: I94 MM 164 and 80th St NE (3 miles east of Bismarck)

When: 04/13/2021 1035 AM CST

Road Conditions: Clear

Weather Conditions: Clear

Crash Involvement: Coil tubing unit in tow

Agencies Involved: NDHP, ND DOT

Vehicle No. 1: 2013 Kenworth

Driver No. 1: Sebastian Kneitl (25) - Sylvan Lake, AB

Restraints: Restrained, uninjured

Charges: Violation of permit

Company: Copper Tip Energy – Williston, ND

NARRATIVE:

A 2013 Kenworth was permitted to haul a coil tubing unit from McKenzie to Mandaree. The driver made a wrong turn off 236th St NE near McKenzie and proceeded west on I94 towards Bismarck. The driver went off the permitted route, and the load was later measured higher than the company requested to be permitted.

The driver was traveling west on I94 at the 80th St NE overpass. The top of the coil tubing unit struck the overpass. The supports suffered severe damage, and a hole punctured in the bridge deck. The vehicle continued west and was later located back in McKenzie after the company contacted the NDHP. The north and south bound lanes crossing the 80th St NE bridge is closed until NDOT inspects and repairs the damage. The duration of the closure is unknown at this time. The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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