

NEWS RELEASE | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | **December 30, 2025**

Highway 23 Closed at Johnson's Corner Due to Tank Battery Explosion

NARRATIVE: North Dakota Highway 23 in McKenzie County is closed at Johnson's Corner to mile marker 13 due to a tank battery explosion.

Emergency responders are on scene. There was an explosion currently contained to one tank, and there is an ongoing risk of additional explosions involving the remaining four tanks. The public is urged to avoid this area.

There is no estimated timeframe for reopening the roadway at this time.

Reroute Information:

- Eastbound traffic from Watford City on Highway 23 will be rerouted south on 114th Ave. NW, then east on Beaver Creek Road, and north on 110th Ave. NW to the Johnson's Corner roundabout.
- Westbound traffic from Johnson's Corner will be rerouted south on 110th Ave. NW, then west on Beaver Creek Road, and north on 114th Ave. NW, returning traffic to Highway 23.

Motorists should expect delays, avoid the area if possible, and follow directions from emergency personnel.

Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

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