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Kacee Ehler
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40509 247th Street
Mitchell, SD 57301

RE: Closure designation for DANR File #2023.190: pertaining to a fermentation fluid release at POET Bioprocessing, 40509 247th Street, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Ms. Ehler,

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has reviewed the available information regarding the above referenced incident. Based on the information provided, there is no risk to human health or further risk to the environment. Therefore, the department is closing this case.

Due to a level transmitter malfunction, an estimated 585 gallons of corn mash were released. The corn mash impacted gravel. In response, POET immediately contained the spill area by placing a berm around it and pumped up the spilled liquid back into the plant for process. The contaminated soil and mash were scraped up and disposed of at the Mitchell Sanitary Landfill. If any future problems arise related to this spill, POET Bioprocessing may be responsible to perform further assessment and cleanup.

If you have questions or concerns about this site's closure designation, DANR spill case file information is publicly available at <http://apps.sd.gov/NR42InteractiveMap#>, or contact Macy Jo Peterson of my staff at (605) 773-3296. Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to protect South Dakota's natural resources.

Sincerely,

Terry Florentz, P.E.
Administrator
Inspection, Compliance, and Remediation Program

cc: Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Manager, Mitchell, SD
Carrie Jacobson, SD DANR Hazardous Waste, Pierre, SD