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Jason Nedved
POET Biorefining Mitchell LLC
40609 247th Street
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Subject: DENR File Number 2018.031 – Pertaining to a mash spill, Loomis facility

Dear Mr. Nedved:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has reviewed information provided to the department regarding the noted spill of mash that resulted from an overflow during a rinse process. It is our understanding that POET promptly initiated actions to contain the spilled substances to frozen surfaces in the immediate area of the overflow. Reports also indicate the substances were recovered and disposed at the Mitchell Landfill.

The department believes the actions taken effectively mitigated the threat to water resources by recovering and appropriately managing the spilled mash. As a result, the DENR Ground Water Quality Program does not intend to require additional actions in response to this event. Case #2018.031 will be placed into the "Closure" category but POET could be required to perform additional assessment and cleanup if problems occur as a result of spills at the site. The closure status will be recorded in DENR's release database and can be found at our internet website: <http://arcgis.sd.gov/server/denr/spillsviewer/>

Thanks to POET Mitchell LLC for promptly taking actions to protect water resources. If you have questions or concerns about the DENR case file closure please contact Rick Lancaster of my staff at 605.773.3296.

Sincerely,

Kim McIntosh
Environmental Manager
Ground Water Quality Program

Enclosure

cc: Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Management, Mitchell
Al Spangler, DENR Surface Water Quality Program, Pierre