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Marion Fortin
POET Biorefining
40509 247th Street
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Subject: Closure of Department of Environment and Natural Resources File Number – 2015.030
Spill of sodium hydroxide (5%) rinsate.

Dear Mr. Fortin:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has conducted a review of this case file and based upon the available information, we are closing this file.

This was a spill of a 5% sodium hydroxide solution that occurred when the distillation system was being drained. The distillation wet well filled, causing the cooling tower chemical room drain to back up. Overflow ran outside onto gravel. Stillers grain was used as an absorbent and contaminated material was collected then disposed at the Mitchell landfill. Taking into consideration the location of the spill and the response actions taken, DENR will not require any additional action at this time.

Please be aware if future issues arise, DENR may require additional steps be taken. Should you have any questions, please contact Trish Kindt of my staff. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Markley, Administrator
Ground Water Quality Program
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Cc/e: Jeff Bathke, Davison County EM
Al Spangler, DENR Surface Water Quality Program