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Dale Wilson
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Subject: Closure - Department of Environment and Natural Resources Case # 2015.104
Roundup Spill at the Farmers Alliance in Ethan, SD

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has conducted a review of the information that has been provided concerning this case. Based upon that information the DENR Ground Water Quality Program has determined that its case file for #2015.104 can be closed.

According to the information provided to date: approximately 200 gallons of Roundup was released as a result of a damaged tote on June 11, 2015; the Roundup was contained to the gravel lot; the contaminated gravel was excavated; the excavation area was backfilled with clean gravel; and the excavated materials were disposed of at Southern Missouri Recycling in Lake Andes, SD. The DENR Ground Water Quality Program does not intend to require additional assessment or cleanup actions in response to this spill event.

The reported activities initiated in response to this event are consistent with the expectations of our program. Please be aware that if environmental problems arise additional assessment and remediation might be necessary. Should you have any questions concerning this letter please contact Kelsey Newling of my staff at 605.773.3296. Thank you for protecting South Dakota's water resources.

Sincerely,

Bill Markley,
Administrator
Ground Water Quality Program

cc: Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Manager, Mitchell, SD
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