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Marion Fortin
Poet Biorefining / Prairie Ethanol
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Subject: Closure - Department of Environment and Natural Resources Case # 2015.003
Pertaining to syrup spill at the Loomis area facility.

Dear Mr. Fortin:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has reviewed the information provided concerning the noted spill event. Reports indicate: approximately 35 gallons of syrup was spilled upon surfaces within the facility boundaries; absorbents were promptly applied; there were no impacts to drainages or other storm water systems; the majority of spilled product and impacted substances were recovered; and the recovered substances were placed in a dumpster for disposal at the Mitchell landfill.

The DENR Ground Water Quality Program does not intend to require additional assessment or cleanup actions in response to this spill event and is placing this case into the "Closure" category. The closure status will be recorded in DENR's release database and can be found at our internet website (<http://denr.sd.gov/des/gw/Spills/dbspillsearch.aspx>).

The reported cleanup actions initiated in response to this event are consistent with the expectations of this department. Please be advised that POET Biorefining / Prairie Ethanol might be required to perform additional assessment and remediation if environmental problems arise at this site and are determined to be the result of this spill event. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Rick Lancaster of my staff at 605.773.3296. Thank you for your cooperation and the steps taken to protect South Dakota's water resources.

Sincerely,

Bill Markley
Administrator

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