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Logan Teut  
Prairie Ethanol LLC  
POET Biorefining  
40509 247th Street  
Mitchell, SD 57301

Subject: Closure - DENR File Number 2015.160 – Caustic Cleaner Spill, Loomis Facility.

Dear Mr. Teut:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Ground Water Quality Program has conducted a review of the information you provided concerning the "caustic cleaner" spill that occurred August 18, 2015 at the Loomis facility and has determined that DENR case file #2015.160 can be closed.

Reports indicate: approximately 153 gallons of diluted cleaner overflowed containment during a rain event following the activation of a fail-safe device ("rupture disc"); the spilled product was contained to the immediate area; the product was recovered; and the recovered product was returned to the plant process. The Ground Water Quality Program does not intend to require additional assessment or cleanup in response to this reported spill event. 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/>

The department appreciates Prairie Ethanol for promptly implementing its spill response procedures. Please continue your environmental stewardship by reporting and promptly responding to environmental impacts realized as a result of spill events. Should you have any questions concerning this letter please contact Rick Lancaster with this program's Spill Section at (605) 773-3296.

Sincerely,

Bill Markley  
Administrator  
Ground Water Quality Program

cc/e: Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Management, Mitchell  
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