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Subject: Closure - DENR File Number 2017.160 – Pertaining to a release of Anhydrous Ammonia, Performance Pet Products Facility, Mitchell

Dear Mr. Sinkie,

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) Ground Water Program has reviewed the information provided regarding the noted ammonia release. Reports indicate Davison County Emergency Management reported an evacuation of the Performance Pet Products facility in response to a release of Anhydrous Ammonia during the late afternoon of August 18th. It is understood from your completed follow-up report that an estimated 60lbs of product was released into the atmosphere about August 13 and the system was taken out of service until repairs were completed. It is understood that Performance Pet Products is working with its refrigeration contractor and plans to continue with preventative repair and system upgrades.

It is believed the negative atmospheric effects were realized at the time of the release and are not recoverable. It is understood there was no release of liquid or other threats to water resources as a result of this event. It is hoped that operating procedures have been revised to better respond to similar refrigeration system leaks, including the prompt reporting to regulatory authorities by Performance Pet Products. The department urges Performance Pet Products to promptly implement repairs that are protective of workers and the environment.

With due consideration to the site location and on-going production activities the DENR is placing 2017.160 into closure status. The case closure will be recorded in DENR's release database and can be found at our internet website <http://arcgis.sd.gov/server/denr/spillsviwer/>. The DENR Ground Water Quality Program does not intend to require additional assessment at this site as a result of this release event. The placement of this case into closure status by this department in response to this release event in no way limits any actions that might be required from other regulatory authorities. If you have questions or concerns about the closure designation for DENR #2017.160 please contact Rick Lancaster of my staff at 605.773.3296. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kim McIntosh
Environmental Manager

cc: Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Management, Mitchell