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Dan Benson  
Northwestern Energy  
313 Cedar Street  
Yankton, SD

Subject: Closure - Department of Environment and Natural Resources Case #  
2018.070 – PCB transformer oil spill at 24442 404<sup>th</sup> Ave near Letcher, SD

Dear Mr. Benson:

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 #2018.070 can be closed.

According to the information provided to date: approximately 22 gallons of transformer oil containing PCB was released, due to a storm event. The transformer oil was spilled on the gravel; the gravel was excavated and backfilled; and the contaminated materials were taken to the Mitchell Landfill. The DENR Ground Water Quality Program does not intend to require additional assessment or cleanup actions in response to this 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,

Kim McIntosh  
Administrator  
Ground Water Quality Program

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