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Subject: Closure – Department of Environment and Natural Resources 2019.085 – Pertaining to the removal of an underground fuel oil tank at 1501 West Havens Avenue, Mitchell

Dear Mr. Puetz:

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has completed a review of the information provided by Geotek regarding the discovery of an underground fuel oil tank, subsequent removal of the tank, and the removal of petroleum impacted soils at the above referenced site in Mitchell. As a result of our review, DENR has determined work at this site can end and the file can be closed.

On May 2, 2019, a 300-gallon fuel oil tank was removed from this property. Two soil samples were collected from the excavation sidewalls and were screened for the presence of petroleum vapors with a photo ionization detector (PID) yielding <2ppm and non-detect field results. An additional soil sample was collected for laboratory analysis with results indicating 13.2 ppm Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons for diesel. Contaminated soils were properly disposed of at the City of Mitchell Landfill. Groundwater that infiltrated the excavation site was pumped out, collected, and will be taken to the Tri County Landfill for proper disposal.

Based on this information, there does not appear to be any risk associated with this release. Therefore, DENR Ground Water Quality Program will not require additional remedial actions at this time. However, you should be aware that if future problems result from any remaining contamination you may be responsible for conducting additional assessment and/or clean-up activities.

If you have questions or concerns about any issue in this letter, please contact Terry Florentz of my staff at 605.773.3296. Thank you for your cooperation and protecting South Dakota's water resources.

Sincerely,

Kim McIntosh
Administrator, Ground Water Quality Program

cc: Jeff Bathke, Emergency Manager, Mitchell, SD
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