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Sarah Blaine  
POET Biorefining  
40509 247<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mitchell, SD 57301

Re: Closure designation for DENR File# 2020.132, pertaining to a sodium hydroxide release at 40509 247<sup>th</sup> Street, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Ms. Blaine:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has reviewed the available information regarding the above referenced incident. Based on the information provided, there is no identified risk to human health or further risk to the environment as a result of this release. Therefore, the department is closing this case.

Reports indicate 0.37 tons of contaminated dirt/gravel was scraped up and then properly disposed at the Mitchell Landfill. If any future problems arise related to this release, POET Biorefining may be responsible to perform further assessment and cleanup.

If you have questions or concerns about your site's Closure designation, please contact Jaclyn McGuire of my staff at 605.773.3296. Thank you for your cooperation in cleaning up this release.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim McIntosh".

Kim McIntosh  
Administrator  
Ground Water Quality Program

cc: Mark Jenniges, Davison County Emergency Management