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Blaine Gomer
Poet Biorefining Big Stone
48416 144th Street
Big Stone City, SD

Re: Closure designation for DANR File# 2021.022 : pertaining to a corn mash release at POET Biorefining, 48416 144th Street, Big Stone City, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Gomez:

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has reviewed the information provided regarding the corn mash release. Reports indicate 1,000 gallons of corn mash leaked from a relief vent on a fermenter. Poet responded by scraping up the corn mash and placing in in the dumpster. The corn mash was properly disposed at the Mitchell Sanitary Landfill.

Based on the information provided, there is no further risk to the environment as a result of this release. Therefore, the department is closing this case. Please note that if any future problems arise related to this release, you may be responsible to perform further assessment and remediation.

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

Sincerely,

Kim McIntosh
Administrator
Inspection, Compliance, and Remediation Program

Cc: Mark Jenniges, Davison County Emergency Manager, Mitchell, SD