



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE  
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May 21, 2021

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

Subject: Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources File Number 2021.072:  
pertaining to a corn syrup release at POET Biorefining, 40509 247<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Ms. Blaine,

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) is contacting you regarding the event noted above. A copy of the initial spill report form is enclosed for your review. Based upon the information provided, 50 gallons of corn syrup was released due to an equipment failure. The procedures for the assessment and cleanup of spills such as this were developed to protect surface and groundwater resources. It is understood that the release has been contained and collected for reintroduction to the refining process, and no disposal is required. In this situation, DANR requires the following:

- By June 19, 2021, please complete and return the attached Written Contamination Incident Follow Up Report form (this is a standard form so some questions will not apply to this situation, just skip those questions).

Gage Koistinen has been assigned as the project manager for this case. He will review the information provided and will contact you if further remedial action is necessary. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact him at 605.773.3296. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Trish Kindt  
Inspection, Compliance, & Remediation Program  
(605) 773-3296

cc Mark Jenniges, Davison County Emergency Manager, Mitchell, SD

## South Dakota Spill Report Form

Ag Case No.

PRCF No.

Spill Case No. **2021.072**

Reported: (mm/dd/yy) <b>05/20/21</b>		Time: <b>11:50AM</b>		Recorded By: <b>J. McGuire</b>	
<b>A. REPORTER</b>	Reported By: <b>Sarah Blaine</b>				
	Organization Name: <b>POET Biorefining - Mitchell</b>				
	Organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> discharger <input type="checkbox"/> public <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local <input type="checkbox"/> federal				
	Address: <b>40509 247th Street</b>				
	City: <b>Mitchell</b>		County: <b>Davison</b>		State: <b>SD</b>
Zip: <b>57301</b>		Phone: <b>605-996-1686</b>			
<b>B. DISCHARGER (Responsible Party)</b>	Name: <b>Same as above</b>				
	Address:				
	City:		County:		State:
	Zip:		Phone:		
<b>C. INCIDENT LOCATION</b>	Street or Approx. Location: As Above in B: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>40509 247th Street</b>				
	Survey Description: <b>43.800833, -98.103888</b>				
	City:		Zip:		County:
State:					
<b>D. DATE</b>	Spill Date: (mm/dd/yy) <b>05/20/21</b>			Spill Time: <b>11:30AM</b>	
<b>E. MATERIAL</b>	Material Type (Code/Name):		Quantity Spilled		Spilled in Water
	<input type="checkbox"/> hazardous substance <input type="checkbox"/> oil <input type="checkbox"/> material unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other				
	<b>Corn Syrup</b>		<b>50</b>		
				Units (Check 1)	
				<input type="radio"/> lb. <input type="radio"/> bbl. <input checked="" type="radio"/> gal. <input type="radio"/> oth.	
				<input type="radio"/> lb. <input type="radio"/> bbl. <input type="radio"/> gal. <input type="radio"/> oth.	
				<input type="radio"/> lb. <input type="radio"/> bbl. <input type="radio"/> gal. <input type="radio"/> oth.	
<b>F. SOURCE</b>	Source of Spill: <input type="radio"/> AST <input type="radio"/> UST <input type="radio"/> railway <input type="radio"/> transport <input type="radio"/> fixed facility <input type="radio"/> pipeline <input type="radio"/> highway <input checked="" type="radio"/> other				
	Description: <b>Operating System - Corn Syrup Flowline</b>				
	Regulated Tank: <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>G. MED.</b>	Medium Affected: <input type="checkbox"/> air <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> land <input type="checkbox"/> water <input type="checkbox"/> groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> within facilities only				
	Waterway Affected: <b>N/A</b>				
<b>H. CAUSE</b>	Reported Cause: <input type="radio"/> transportation accident <input type="radio"/> operational error <input type="radio"/> dumping <input checked="" type="radio"/> equipment failure <input type="radio"/> natural phenomenon <input type="radio"/> unknown <input type="radio"/> Other:				
	Description: <b>Operating system was not able to be shut off, causing release</b>				
<b>I. DAM-AGES</b>	No. of injuries: <b>0</b>		No. of deaths: <b>0</b>		
<b>J. ACTIONS</b>	Response Action Taken:				
	<b>Release was scraped off of concrete, will be re-added to refining process.</b>				
<b>K. NOTIFIED</b>	Responding Agency: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DANR <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> discharger <input type="checkbox"/> federal <input type="checkbox"/> EPA <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
	Agencies Notified:				
<b>L. COMMENTS</b>	Comments:				

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