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Sarah Blaine
POET Biorefining
40509 247th Street
Mitchell, SD 57301

Re: Closure designation for DANR File # 2021.069 and 2021.070: pertaining to two corn mash releases at POET Biorefining, 40509 247th Street, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Ms. Blaine:

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

Released corn mash was contained to the immediate area around each of the leaking fermenters. All debris, including contacted dirt and gravel, was swept or scooped onto a dewatering pad. The debris was then collected and properly disposed at the Mitchell Regional 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 this site's closure designation, please contact Gage Koistinen 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