



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE  
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

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August 1, 2025

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

Re: Closure designation for DANR File #2025.061: pertaining to a release of an estimated 1,000 gallons of a 5% sodium hydroxide clean in place (CIP) solution from a pressure relief valve at the POET Biorefining facility near Mitchell, SD.

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.

A majority of the release (800 gal) was recovered and pumped back into the facility. The remaining product was soaked up with absorbents and taken to the Mitchell Landfill for disposal. If any future problems arise related to this release, POET may be responsible to perform further assessment and cleanup.

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

Sincerely,

Terry Florentz, P.E.  
Administrator  
Inspection, Compliance, and Remediation Program

cc: Karen Wegleitner, Davison County EM  
Jasmine Singh, DANR WQP  
Steve Kropp, DANR WMP