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

Re: Closure designation for DANR File #2025.117: pertaining to a release of thin stillage 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.

According to the information provided, approximately 50 gallons of thin stillage were released from a mixer due to a failing seal. The released stillage was confined to secondary containment and pumped back into the mixer, which has been turned off and will remain inactive until repairs are complete to prevent further releases. Containment area was rinsed and rinsate was also pumped into mixer. 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 Jamison Smith 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