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February 9, 2026

Jason Converse
High Plains Processing
PO Box 530
Volga, SD 57071

Subject: Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources File # 2026.017: pertaining to a salad oil release at High Plains Processing, 41021 257th Street, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. Converse:

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, approximately 100 gallons of salad oil (processed soybean oil) were released due to an aboveground storage tank leak. The release was contained within an earthen secondary containment system and absorbent pads were applied to the release. The procedures for the assessment and cleanup of spills such as this were developed to protect surface and groundwater resources. In this situation, DANR requires the following:

- Excavate contaminated soil and backfill with clean material;
- Properly dispose of contaminated absorbents and soil at a permitted municipal solid waste landfill;
- Provide this office with a copy of disposal receipts and cleanup photos; and
- By March 9, 2026, please complete and return the attached Written Contamination Incident Follow Up Report form.

Hanna Kollbaum has been assigned as the project manager for this case. She will review all information provided and will contact you if additional remedial action is required. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact her at 605.773.3296. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

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

cc Karen Wegleitner, Davison County Emergency Manager

South Dakota Spill Report Form

PRCF #:

Case #: 2026.017

Reported (MM/DD/YY): 2/5/26		Time:		Recorded By: J. McGuire	
A. REPORTER	Reported By: Jason Converse				
	Organization Name: High Plains Processing			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discharger <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Federal	
	Phone:		Email:		
	Address: PO Box 530				
	City: Volga		State: SD	Zip: 57071	
B. DISCHARGER (Responsible Party)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As Above in A Name:				
	Address:				
	City:		State:	Zip:	
	Phone:		Email:		
C. INCIDENT DATE & LOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> As Above in B Spill Date: (MM/DD/YY) 2/5/26		Spill Time:		
	Street or Approx. Location: 41021 257th Street				
	Survey Description:				
	City: Mitchell	County: Davison		State: SD	Zip: 57301
D. MATERIAL	Material type (Code/Name):	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Substance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Material Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Quantity Spilled	Spilled in Water	Units (Check one)
	Salad Oil (processed soybean oil)		<100		<input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> bbl. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> oth.
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E. SOURCE	Source of Spill: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AST <input type="checkbox"/> UST <input type="checkbox"/> Railway <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
	Description: Regulated Tank Facility: <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Facility ID #:				
F. MEDIUM	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: n/a				
G. CAUSE	Reported Cause: <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Operational Error <input type="checkbox"/> Dumping <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment Failure <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Phenomenon <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
	Description: Loose bolt, caused a leak				
H. DAM- AGES	# of Injuries:		# of Fatalities:		
	Response Action Taken: Applied absorbents (PIG mats, pillows, booms). Will use a mini excavator to dig up the red rock within the containment down to the liner and replace rock.				
K. NOTIFIED	Responding Agency: <input type="checkbox"/> DANR <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discharger <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> EPA <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
	Agencies Notified: DANR				
K. COMMENTS	Comments:				
	Contaminated materials will be taken to the Mitchell Landfill.				

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