



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
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June 9, 2026

Sarah Blaine
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Mitchell, SD 57301

Subject: Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources File # 2026.083: pertaining to a release of an ethanol distillate solution at POET Mitchell.

Dear Mr. Gunderson:

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, an estimated 100 gallons of an ethanol distillate solution were released from a leaking wet well flange at POET Mitchell. 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:

- Scrape up visually impacted soil and dispose of contaminated materials at a permitted municipal solid waste landfill;
- Provide this office with a copy of disposal receipts, as well as cleanup photos;
- In addition, by July 9, 2026, please complete and return the attached Written Contamination Incident Follow Up Report form.

Jamison Smith has been assigned as the project manager for this case. He will review the information provided and 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,

Jaclyn McGuire
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cc Jeff Bathke, Davison County EM