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Sarah Blaine
POET Bioprocessing
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Re: Closure designation for DANR File #2026.083: pertaining to a release of an ethanol distillate solution at the POET Mitchell facility.

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.

Spilled ethanol solution was pumped up and worked back into the facility process. Contaminated soil was excavated and taken to the Mitchell Landfill. If any future problems arise related to this release, POET may be responsible for performing assessment and further 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: Jeff Bathke, Davison County EM