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Absolute Energy LLC  
Attn: Tyler Schwarck  
1372 State Line Road  
Saint Ansgar, IA 50472

Subject: Site recheck investigation results  
HSI# 072213-RLT-1007; Mitchell County

Attention Mr. Schwarck:

Thank you for submitting a copy of the site recheck report for the spill of natural gasoline at Absolute Energy this summer. The report documents the actions taken to respond to the spill. The sampling conducted during the site recheck on September 26, 2013 demonstrates that soil and groundwater contamination levels have decreased significantly. Pinnacle Engineering estimated that the remaining contamination will fall below DNR standards by mid-2014 without any additional remediation efforts. It appears that the actions taken by Absolute Energy have been adequate; therefore, **no further action is required.**

Although no additional remediation or sampling is required, you should consider removing water from the spill sump next spring if any contaminated water is present. The highest remaining concentration of benzene was found in that sump, and removing the water may speed up the last phase of the remediation project. Due to the small level of expected contamination in the sump, you may land-apply the water at any convenient location on site. Do not discharge the water to a water of the state.

If you have any questions please call me at (641) 424-4073.

Sincerely,

**FIELD SERVICES & COMPLIANCE BUREAU**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Wilson".

Scott Wilson  
Environmental Specialist Senior

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c: DNR Emergency Response