DEAR PETROLEUM TANK OWNER/OPERATOR:

Upon receiving notification that a petroleum release may have occurred from a tank system on your property, or you are becoming the new applicant at a site where cleanup is occurring as a result of a previous release, I am sending you an Information and Application Packet from the South Dakota Petroleum Release Compensation Fund (PRCF). A PRCF representative will soon be contacting you to discuss the information in the packet. Throughout the phase of the project, the PRCF representative will work with you to determine the most cost efficient/effective approach to restoring the site.

The South Dakota PRCF was established to provide financial assistance to tank owners for pollution cleanup expenses resulting from a petroleum release and to fulfill the financial responsibility requirements set forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of South Dakota.

If you choose to make an application to the PRCF, it is extremely important to note that the PRCF only reimburses for necessary and reasonable expenses associated with petroleum contamination cleanup that are considered eligible for reimbursement. For specific coverage information, please refer to the brochure and other material included in the Information and Application Packet. In addition, you must receive PRCF funding approval prior to incurring costs for any assessment or cleanup activities for which you may submit a future claim.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 605-773-3769.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Alan W. Bakeberg
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Petroleum Release compensation Fund

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