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Ed McConnell, Mayor
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Dear Mayor McConnell:

BNSF Railway is committed to fully restoring the site of the Casselton derailment. This letter is intended to give you an overview of our remediation efforts, which have been very successful to date.

Since the incident, we have been working closely with the North Dakota Department of Health's (NDDOH) Environmental Health Section (which has oversight of these issues) to ensure a prompt and complete restoration of the site. This week, BNSF's environmental expert met on site with Mr. Dave Glatt, Environmental Health Section Chief at NDDOH, where Mr. Glatt acknowledged the remediation is nearly complete.

Remediation Summary:

To date, BNSF has excavated ~ 10,000 tons of contaminated soil. This total includes all soil contaminated with crude oil including the soil from underneath the railroad tracks. The excavated soil has been trucked to an offsite landfill for disposal. BNSF has also excavated ~ 3,500 tons of soy beans that were involved in the derailment.

Under NDDOH oversight, a comprehensive investigation to document the success of the excavation efforts and to identify any remaining contamination that the initial excavation may have missed has been completed. As part of the investigation an independent laboratory analyzed approximately 60 soil samples collected from around the site. The soil samples were analyzed for a range of petroleum constituents, including Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl-Benzene and Xylene (collectively referred to as BTEX) and for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons as requested by NDDOH. The results have been reviewed by the NDDOH and based on their review the NDDOH has given BNSF permission to backfill the excavated areas. A full report documenting the remediation efforts will be submitted to NDDOH later this spring. BNSF has also cleaned, cut and recycled the locomotives and rail cars that were damaged in the derailment.

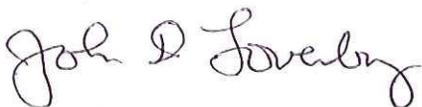
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In addition to the above referenced soil investigation, BNSF installed 11 groundwater wells at various locations, including down gradient of the derailment location, to verify our remediation efforts were successful and to document that ground water was not contaminated as a result of the incident. These wells will be monitored for at least the next two years. This spring we will also monitor the area for any potential surface water impacts. These monitoring plans have been pre-approved by NDDOH and we will provide data to them throughout the process.

We expect backfilling activities to begin at the site the week of March 31st, provided the weather cooperates. At the same time, contractors will be working to remove the remaining soy beans from the area. BNSF will also be reconditioning the field so that it will be ready for planting this spring.

We apologize for the inconvenience and the impact that this incident has had on your community. We are pleased to communicate that the site is nearly restored and we remain committed to our never ending efforts to improve safety across our railroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Lovenburg".

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