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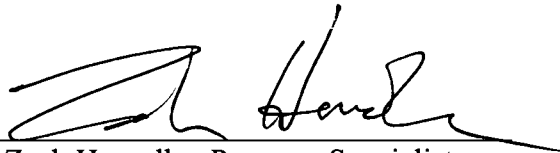
Information Transmittal

To: AltEn LLC, 1344 County Road 10 - Air file
From: Zach Homolka
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Subject: Report of Black Smoke Emissions

Participants: Zach Homolka (Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy)

On March 3, 2021 at about 10:05am, I conducted a drive-by observation of the AltEn ethanol plant near Mead, NE. I conducted this observation in response to a report that the facility was operating their biochar unit and releasing black smoke to the atmosphere. I drove around the facility on the west, north, and east sides before stopping nearly due east of the biochar unit.

At 10:10am, I arrived at my observation point on the east side of the facility in order to keep the sun behind my back in accordance with requirements with Method 9 methodology. It was about 46°F with clear skies and a 2mph W wind. I did not observe any visible emissions or evidence the biochar unit was in operation during my observations or my drive to the observation point. I left the site at approximately 10:20am without making contact with the facility.



Zach Homolka, Program Specialist

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Date

