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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] GW18-00-1

Dear PUC,

I am writing on behalf of the citizens of Utica. At our last town meeting, Monday August 13th 2018 I received 4 separate complaints regarding the smell of rotting corn from Utica Grain. There is a large outdoor bunker that was full of grain which appeared to be the source. The company has been working on removing the grain and hauling it away. Just before my August 13th meeting, this activity stopped. There is still grain in the bunker and the town is still smelling the rotting grain. The business across the street from the elevator is a dance hall. They have hosted 2 separate poker run events in July and August and they received many complaints at each event. Its frankly embarrassing as a community leader to hear people say your town smells.

This is the second year in a row in which grain had been left in the bunkers to rot and smell. Last year we did notice that laborers from the local Huterite colony did remove the grain plus a large section of it was burned on site. This corn pile burned for over a week. I'm at a loss on how to remedy this myself short of ordering someone to do it for us which steps way beyond the towns laws and boundaries. I cannot risk the health of our citizens due to the exposure of mold and I will not tolerate grain being left there so that rodents can easily feed themselves. I need to know the correct course of action to take to protect my citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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