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Pete Ricketts, Governor

October 1, 2021

Senator Carol Blood, District 3
State Capitol Building, Room 1021
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Senator Blood:

This letter is written in response to your September 7, 2021 correspondence requesting access to the AltEn, LLC facility in Mead, Nebraska for a UNMC study team.

The AltEn facility is private property and access would be at the discretion and permission of the property owner for a third party to enter or gather material. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) cannot itself give permission to an unassociated third party to enter onto private property to conduct nonregulatory sampling that is not at the direction of NDEE and where the property owner has not denied access. It is our understanding that AltEn has not been approached about access for the UNMC study team's activities.

As the state regulator, the department is using its permitting authority to access the AltEn site to conduct regulatory sampling to understand the scope of the public health and environmental issues to be remediated. Results from all state sampling activities, both at and around the AltEn facility are public and shared on the department's public records portal. Additionally, interested citizens are updated on significant findings through the NDEE *Information and Updates for AltEn near Mead, Nebraska* webpage.

NDEE is working diligently to ensure the environmental problems at the AltEn site are remediated and the public health of the Mead community and Saunders County residents protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Macy".

Jim Macy
Director

Cc: Senator Ray Aguilar, District 35
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Cc: Senator Bruce Bostelman, Chair
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