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Waste Management of Iowa, Inc. (WM) would like to respond to questions and concerns regarding the disposal of material related to the Doon, Iowa BNSF derailment at the WM Dickinson Landfill.

The Dickinson landfill meets U.S. EPA Federal Subtitle D regulations for Land Disposal. State and Federal regulations require an engineered liner and leachate collection system, ground water and surface water monitoring and reporting, as well as financial assurance for closure and post closure care to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

Approval of wastes such as the BNSF material is a multistep process involving multiple parties. The materials being disposed of at the landfill have been tested by an independent third party laboratory and determined to meet acceptance criteria defined in our landfill permit. The analytical results also have been reviewed by IDNR and the results show these waste materials are not considered a hazardous waste. Only waste materials from the derailment that meet regulatory requirements and acceptance criteria will be delivered by BNSF for disposal at the Dickinson Landfill. It is important to note that this is not a unique situation. Given how ubiquitous petroleum is in our society, materials containing residual petroleum are one of the most common materials managed at Subtitle D landfills across the U.S. The reason for this is that over the past 30 plus years Subtitle D landfills have proven to be a safe and reliable management option for these materials.

As a national environmental services provider, we provide a breadth of services and technical expertise to respond to the spill quickly and safely. It is our desire to assist with these efforts by providing our disposal service so that the site can be restored as soon as possible.

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