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Flood Response and Preparation

We want to get a communication out to our members, vendors and friends that we are fine and we are working hard to prepare. We have a plan in place and are working to resolve the issues we have identified that may have some risk of damage or disruption. We have bermed several areas, and are in the process of adding additional protection to areas such as the steam line and our natural gas pipeline.

Our plan is to continue running the plant as long as we can get energy, corn and have a way to get the product out. The plant site is well situated and the plant foot print was raised before construction started with flooding in mind. The plant is protected with MidAm to our north, the levy to the west and the interstate to our east.

We are concerned for our employees, as they live in many areas that will be affected by this catastrophic event. We have a plan for keeping in contact with everyone in the event they are unable to get to the plant, and we have space reserved if the administration office loses power or is not accessible.

We continue to closely monitor the news and our local conditions, and have participated with a variety of area groups and experts, and we have developed new plans when we identify new areas of vulnerability.

Sincerely,
Brian Cahill, CEO