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Thanks Jamie!

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Lincoln Journal Star - 'Chemicals don't just disappear' — Persistence by researchers, residents uncovers pesticide contamination at Mead plant - 02/07/21 - Judy Wu-Smart has witnessed bee colonies collapse, but never one after another after another in the same location… As Wu-Smart would discover over time, the dying bees were a proverbial canary in the coal mine, a signal of a larger, slow-moving environmental calamity unfolding in Saunders County that she and others would trace back to AltEn Ethanol, which began operating in 2015. https://bit.ly/3cR8WET

1011 NOW (KOLN) - Ethanol Plant in Mead ordered to stop wastewater discharge - 02/05/21 - An Ethanol Plant in Mead was ordered Thursday to immediately stop the discharge of wastewater from the plant, amid environmental concerns. The owner of the facility, AltEn, LLC "is likely to cause and may have already caused pollution to the air, waters, and land of the state", according to the order from the Department of Environment and Energy. https://bit.ly/36XaSIq

Norfolk Daily News - Ethanol plant near Mead ordered to shut down - 02/05/21 - On Thursday, the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy issued an emergency order to AltEn, the operator of the plant, to immediately cease discharges into its wastewater lagoons, saying that the company was "likely to cause and may have already caused" pollution of the air, land and water. https://bit.ly/3rM3JCP

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