

May 26, 2006

Mr. Michael J. Fagerland
Knife River Corporation
P.O. Box 5568
Bismarck, ND 58506-5568

Dear Mr. Fagerland:

This is to inform you that the second field inspection of the Bond Release No. 4 to Permit KRGC-8101 has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., MDT on June 15, 2006. We will meet at the former Gascoyne Mine office parking lot. You will be notified if there is a delay or cancellation.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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Dakota Prairie Beef Cooperative
RR #1, Box 52
Scranton, ND 58653

Dear Sir:

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The Public Service Commission will inspect these bond release tracts at 10:00 a.m., MDT on June 15, 2006. As a landowner, you are invited to participate in this inspection. We will meet at the former Gascoyne Mine office parking lot. If you wish to participate in the inspection, please contact Dean Moos at 701-328-4099 so you can be notified if there is a delay or cancellation. Detailed descriptions of the bond release tracts will be provided at the time of the inspection.

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Gordon Wilson
Wilson Construction, Inc.
Box 133
Scranton, ND 58653

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Gascoyne Materials Handling & Recycling, LLC
1712 Main Avenue, Suite #202
Fargo, ND 58103

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Ms. Anne Grassest
4722 San Francisco Drive NE
Salem, OR 97305

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Bowman County Commissioners
Box 439
Bowman, ND 58623-0439

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Mr. Willis Gainer
OSM Casper Field Office
Federal Building
150 East B Street - Room 1018
Casper, WY 82602-5004

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Wynonah Knoll Sentman Estate
C/O Edwin Tompkins, PR
4148 Whispering Oaks Drive East
Jacksonville, FL 32211

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