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June 29, 2009

Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman  
Director  
OSM Casper Field Office  
PO Box 11018  
150 East B Street - Room 1018  
Casper, WY 82602

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has received the application for Bond Release No. 3 to Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. The application requests partial bond release for approximately 614.6 acres for backfilling, grading, and respreading suitable plant growth materials. The tracts are located in portions of Sections 25 and 36, T146N, R82W and in Sections 30 and 31, T146N, R81W, in McLean County. The bond release inspection for this tract has been scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m., CDT. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine offices to begin the field inspection of the tracts. The area where federal coal tracts were mined was inspected by Mr. Gene Robinson on June 16, 2009 during his recent oversight inspection. Concurrence for partial bond release will be needed from your office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this office at (701) 328-3403.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephan A. Schroeder, CPSS  
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Mr. Joe Clarke  
Technical Group Manager  
Falkirk Mining Company  
P.O. Box 1087  
Underwood, ND 58576-1087

Dear Mr. Clarke:

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June 29, 2009

Ms. Eleanor S. Sheldon  
and The Orlen H. Sheldon Trust  
1016 Jennifer Dr.  
Washburn, ND 58577

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

The Reclamation Division has received the application for Bond Release No. 3 to Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. The application requests partial bond release for approximately 614.6 acres for backfilling, grading, and respreading suitable plant growth (soil) materials. The tracts are located in portions of Sections 25 and 36, T146N, R82W and in Sections 30 and 31, T146N, R81W, in McLean County. The bond release inspection for this tract has been scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m., CDT. As a landowner of a tract in Section 30, you are invited to meet us at the Falkirk Mine offices to begin the field inspection of the tracts.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this office at (701) 328-3403.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephan A. Schroeder".

Dr. Stephan A. Schroeder, CPSS  
Environmental Scientist  
Reclamation Division