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Mr. James Deutsch
Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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RE: Revision 20 to Permit NAFK-9503

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

We have reviewed Falkirk Mining Company's application for revision number 20 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9503. We have no objections to the revision which would add approximately 16,924 acres to the existing permit area.

The current NDPDES permit for the Falkirk Mine allows for discharge points in the land area and drainage systems that will be affected by mining planned through 2013. The mining scheduled to begin in 2014 at the west end of the permit area (section 1, T144N, R84W) is outside the area currently described in the NDPDES permit. The additional area can be added to the NDPDES permit for the Falkirk Mine when it is renewed in 2013.

At this time, the Department has no further comments regarding this revision.

Sincerely,

Gary Bracht
Gary Bracht
Environmental Engineer
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FROM DIRECTOR - RECLAMATION DIV.

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