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Mr. D. Randall Crooke
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Dear Mr. Crooke:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed the updated information submitted to us on November 17, 2011, relating to the public notice and notification letters for Bond Release Application No. 3 to Permit NAFK-8705. Falkirk can publish the public advertisement and mail the surface and adjacent ownership notification and governmental agencies letters after correcting the error in the last paragraph of the notification letters that refers to this as a partial bond release request. Highway 200 is also labeled as Highway 2 on the notification map, and the word "informing" was inadvertently hyphenated to "on-forming" on the second line of the Krumwiede notification letter.

We are tentatively planning an inspection of the bond release tract during the last week of November, provided your notification letters have been mailed. This inspection will be postponed until next spring if weather conditions or snow cover prohibits a proper evaluation of the tracts.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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