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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Director
OSM Casper Field Office
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Casper, WY 82602-5004

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division is in the process of preparing for the approval of Final Bond Release No. 3 to Permit NAFK-8705, held by the Falkirk Mining Company which includes a portion of the W1/2 of Section 20, T146N, R82W, Mclean County, ND. The NW1/4 of Section 20 contains federal coal that was mined so OSM concurrence is needed prior to final bond release approval. John Sieving inspected this property on May 17, 2012 and he was provided a CD of the bond release application.

Please provide a letter letting us know if your office concurs with our decision to approve the final bond release application.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

cc: Randy Croke

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