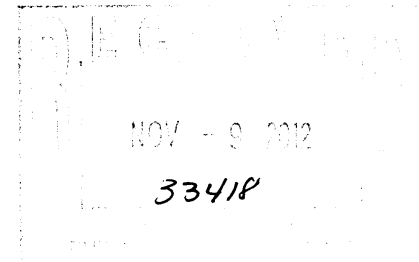


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November 8, 2012

Mr. James R. Deutsch  
Reclamation Director  
ND State Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Final Bond Release 4-2012, NAFK-8705**

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed is one compact disc comprising the Final Bond Release Document for Tract 4-2012. Tract 4 contains 40.1 acres, made up of reclaimed cropland and a small portion of County Road 16, and is located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, T145N, R83W of NAFK-8705 in McLean County approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the City of Underwood. Also enclosed is the original application for final release of bond for this area.

A copy of this document was e-mailed to you on October 31, 2012 to expedite the completeness review process.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

**THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY**

Jeremy Eckroth  
Environmental Specialist

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Application submitted to request final bond release on 40.1 acres at the Falkirk Mine  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Jeremy Eckroth