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Mr. D. Randall Crooke
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Dear Mr. Crooke:

Due to recent snow falls, the Reclamation Division will be unable to field inspect the lands included in final bond release applications No. 4 and 5 to Permit NAFK-8705 at this time. Therefore, the final bond release inspections will be delayed until next spring. Please do not mail the notification letters or publish the public advertisement until the inspection is scheduled next spring. Our review of the bond release applications will also be delayed until bond release inspection has been completed.

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

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