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May 2, 2013

Mr. D. Randall Crooke  
Technical Group Manager  
Falkirk Mining Company  
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Dear Mr. Crooke:

The Reclamation Division completed initial reviews of the applications for Final Bond Release No. 4 and 5 for Permit NAFK-8705 after they were received in early November last year. However, a mid-November snowfall caused the scheduled bond release inspection to be postponed until this year when field and weather conditions are more suitable for evaluating the site conditions.

By our November 8, 2012 letter, Falkirk was given approval to publish the newspaper notice and to send the notification letters after revising the notice to address a few issues. However, we understand the notice was not published and letters were not sent out due to the postponement of the inspection until this spring. At this time we are requesting that you send us a copy of the revised newspaper notice before having it published this spring along with copies of the revised notification letters.

The Reclamation Division normally schedules final bond release inspections during the public comment period. We plan to schedule the inspection for Bond Releases 4 and 5 for Permit NAFK-8705 sometime after June 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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