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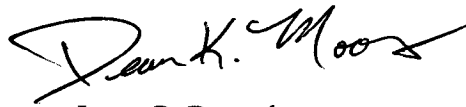
Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division is in the process of preparing approval forms for Final Bond Release No. 5 to NAFK-8705 at the Falkirk Mine which includes a portion of Section 20 of T146N, R82W, McLean County, ND. The SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of this tract contains federal coal so OSM concurrence is needed prior to final bond release approval. Harv Gloe of your office participated in the bond release inspection of this property on June 25, 2013. Enclosed is 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,


for James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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