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June 18, 2014

Mr. D. Randall Crooke  
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Dear Mr. Crooke:

The Reclamation Division has reviewed Falkirk's May 14, 2014 response to the technical review items for Revision No. 24 to Permit NAFK-9503 for the Falkirk Mine and other changes as noted in your May 14<sup>th</sup> response. The following items were noted and must be addressed or corrected before the Reclamation Division will recommend Commission approval:

### Section 3.0 – Operations

1. New item: On June 4, 2014, grade approval request R4D had requested the placement of two large SPMG stockpiles within portions of the R4D regrade area and those stockpile locations need to be depicted on the Pit Layout and Facilities Map, Section 3.1.5. (BEB)

### Section 4.0 – Reclamation Plans

2. Follow-up to Item No. 22: Please revise plans to clarify if the woodlands that will be reclaimed in Section 6 of T144N, R83W are going to be planted to the tall or low shrub mixture and provide information as to the size of each planting. Also, please also clarify if the reclaimed woodland type is proportional to the disturbance planned for each community type. Please provide a label for each of these woodlands on the Post-Mining Land Use Map, Section 4.1.2. The woodland labels where trees are no longer shown can be removed from the map. (GAW)

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

cc: McLean County Auditor

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