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June 23, 2014

Mr. D. Randall Crooke  
Environmental Manager  
Falkirk Mining Company  
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Dear Mr. Crooke:

We have reviewed the updated worst case consolidated bond calculations dated May 14, 2014, submitted with Revision No. 24 to Permit Application NAFK-9503. The proposed minimum bond amount of \$85,954,201 was determined to be adequate for the consolidated bond area that covers Permits NAFK-8405, NAFK-8705, and NAFK-9503. A combination of surety bond and self-bond increases to at least this amount must be filed with the Commission before this permit application can be approved. The surety bond amount must be at least 10% of the total amount.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

cc: Lynelle Kraft

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