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December 30, 2015

Mr. Todd Sando  
State Engineer  
North Dakota State Water Commission  
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Dear Mr. Sando:

Enclosed is a CD containing the applications for Revision No. 27 and Renewal No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9503 held by North American Coal Corporation for the Falkirk Mine. This revision updates the permit for the next 5-year permit term and identifies the coal removal subarea that will be mined during the next 5-year permit term. The revision includes updates to the surface and coal interest and ownership, cultural and historic resources, description of ground water hydrology, fish and wildlife management plan, wildlife monitoring plan, operations and reclamation plans, surface water information, and post-mining land use and revegetation. New information being added to the permit with Revision 27 includes stream profiles and length comparisons for selected ephemeral drainages and calculated flow velocities in reclaimed drainage way channels. The renewal will extend the permit term until April 17, 2021.

Please review the enclosed plans and provide us with any comments by February 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch  
Director  
Reclamation Division

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Mr. Terry Steinwand, Director  
North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
100 North Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

Dear Mr. Steinwand:

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Mr. David Glatt, Chief  
Environmental Health Section  
North Dakota Health Department  
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Dear Mr. Glatt:

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