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October 27, 2016

Mr. Jason Frye
Environmental Specialist
Falkirk Mining Company
P.O. Box 1087
Underwood, ND 58576-1087

Dear Mr. Frye:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. The surface owners, Wetlands Advisory Committee members and County Commissioners have been invited to participate in the inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

Please contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 should there be a need to cancel or delay the field inspection. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

cc: Jeremy Eckroth

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Mr. Jeffrey Fleischman, Director
OSM Casper Field Office
PO Box 11018
150 East B Street
Casper, WY 82602-5004

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

The Coal Lake Wildlife Management Area encompasses nearly all of the land described in the bond release applications. Bond Release Application No. 1 to NAFK-8405 contains 200.1 acres of land located in portions of Sections 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. Bond Release Application No. 4 to NAFK-9601 contains 428.0 acres of land located in portions of Sections 25, 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. None of the land described in these applications contained Federal coal. Enclosed is a CD containing copies of the bond release applications.

Please contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 if you are planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Richard Huschka
Missouri River Sanitation, Inc.
21903 River Oakes Dr.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537-7624

Dear Mr. Huschka:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. As the surface owner of approximately 8 acres of land located within the proposed bond release area in the NE1/4 for Section 26, T146N, R82W, you and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

The Coal Lake Wildlife Management Area encompasses nearly all of the land described in the bond release applications. Bond Release Application No. 1 to NAFK-8405 contains 200.1 acres of land located in portions of Sections 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. Bond Release Application No. 4 to NAFK-9601 contains 428.0 acres of land located in portions of Sections 25, 26 and 35, T146N, R82W.

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Grant Levi, Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation
608 E. Boulevard Ave
Bismarck ND, 58505-0700

Dear Mr. Levi:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. As the surface owner of most of the land located within the proposed bond release area, you and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

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October 27, 2016

State Historical Board
State Historical Society of North Dakota
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Board Members:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. As the surface owner of approximately 46.1 acres of land within the proposed bond release area located in the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 26, T146N, R82W, you and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

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October 27, 2016

McLean County Commissioners
McLean County Courthouse
PO Box 1108
Washburn, ND 58577

Dear Commissioners:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

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James R. Deutsch
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Mr. Scott Hochhalter
State Soil Conservation Specialist
2718 Gateway Ave., Suite #104
Bismarck, ND 58503

Dear Mr. Hochhalter:

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Mr. David Glatt, Chief
Environmental Health Section
North Dakota Health Department
918 East Divide Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-1947

Dear Mr. Glatt:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

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Mr. Garland Erbele
State Engineer
North Dakota State Water Commission
900 East Boulevard, Dept 770
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Dear Mr. Erbele

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or your representative(s) are invited to participate in this bond release inspection. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

The Coal Lake Wildlife Management Area encompasses nearly all of the land described in the bond release applications. Bond Release Application No. 1 to NAFK-8405 contains 200.1 acres of land located in portions of Sections 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. Bond Release Application No. 4 to NAFK-9601 contains 428.0 acres of land located in portions of Sections 25, 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. The bond release area includes two small permanent impoundments, one located in the SW1/4 of Section 25 and the other located in the NE1/4 of Section 35. Enclosed is a CD containing copies of the bond release applications.

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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:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. You and/or a representative from your organization are invited to participate in this inspection as a member of the Wetlands Advisory Committee and as the manager of the Coal Lake Wildlife Management Area. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

The Coal Lake Wildlife Management Area encompasses nearly all of the land described in the bond release applications. Bond Release Application No. 1 to NAFK-8405 contains 200.1 acres of land located in portions of Sections 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. Bond Release Application No. 4 to NAFK-9601 contains 428.0 acres of land located in portions of Sections 25, 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. The bond release areas include a 5.7 acre reclaimed seasonal wetland located in the N1/2 of Section 26 and a 1.1 acre reclaimed seasonal wetland located in the SW1/4 of Section 25. A CD containing copies of the bond release applications is enclosed.

Please contact Randy Kowalski at 701-328-1401 if you are planning to attend so that you can be contacted in case of cancellation or delay. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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James R. Deutsch
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October 27, 2016

Terry Allbee
ND Natural Resource Trust
1605 E. Capitol Avenue, Suite 101
Bismarck, ND 58501-2102

Dear Mr. Allbee:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. A representative from your organization is invited to participate in this inspection as a member of the Wetlands Advisory Committee. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

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Sincerely,

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Kevin Shelley
Acting ND Supervisor
US Fish & Wildlife Service
3425 Miriam Ave.,
Bismarck, ND 58501

Dear Mr. Shelley:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. A representative from your organization is invited to participate in this inspection as a member of the Wetlands Advisory Committee. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

The Coal Lake Wildlife Management Area encompasses nearly all of the land described in the bond release applications. Bond Release Application No. 1 to NAFK-8405 contains 200.1 acres of land located in portions of Sections 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. Bond Release Application No. 4 to NAFK-9601 contains 428.0 acres of land located in portions of Sections 25, 26 and 35, T146N, R82W. The bond release areas include a 5.7 acre reclaimed seasonal wetland located in the N1/2 of Section 26 and a 1.1 acre reclaimed seasonal wetland located in the SW1/4 of Section 25. A CD containing copies of the bond release applications is enclosed.

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Sincerely,

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Curtis Bradbury
State Biologist
NRCS State Office
220 East Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58502-1458

Dear Mr. Bradbury:

The Reclamation Division has scheduled a field inspection for final Bond Release Applications No. 1 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-8405 and No. 4 to Surface Coal Mining Permit NAFK-9601 at the Falkirk Mine. A representative from your organization is invited to participate in this inspection as a member of the Wetlands Advisory Committee. We will meet at the Falkirk Mine Office at **12:30 p.m. CST on Thursday, November 10, 2016.**

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Sincerely,

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