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Mary E. Podoll
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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Dear Ms. Podoll:

Falkirk Mining Company has filed an application for Revision No. 38 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NAFK-8405 at the Falkirk Mine. This revision proposes to add 1680.1 acres located in portions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10, T146N, R82W, McLean County and will expand the permit area to the north for coal mining and support activities. The revision application revises the permit's environmental resource information and the mining and reclamation plans for the area being added to the permit.

A DVD of the permit revision application is enclosed for your agency's review. Information provided in the permit has identified 6.3 acres of prime soils consisting of ArA-Arnegard loam, 1 to 3 percent slopes, located in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 3 of the area being added to the permit. Soil resources and prime farmland information and reclamation plans are provided in Section 2.8 of the permit.

Please review the permit revision application and reply by **May 10, 2018** with any comments or concerns regarding prime farmland and proposed prime farmland reclamation plans for the area being added to the permit. If the proposed prime farmland reclamation plan is adequate, please provide a written confirmation. Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,


for Dean K. Moos
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosure

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