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State of North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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RE: Request for Review of Falkirk Mining Company Revision No. 38 to  
Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NAFK-8405, McLean County, North Dakota

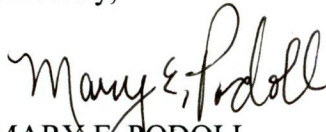
Dear Mr. Moos:

This letter is in reference to the Review of the Falkirk Mining Company Revision No. 38 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. NAFK08405 at the Falkirk Mine in McLean County, North Dakota.

The Prime Farmland Statement 2.8.5a has been reviewed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). We did not find deficiencies in the Prime Farmland section, but offer the following comment. Mixing of Prime and Nonprime subsoil materials has been allowed in the past and NRCS does not oppose this practice, if the substituted materials can be adequately evaluated to confirm they are similar to the Prime subsoil.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. We look forward to working with the Public Service Commission in the future.

Sincerely,

  
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State Conservationist

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